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OF THE

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FOR THE YEAR

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NEW BEDFORD, MASS.:
E. ANTHONY & SONS, Incorp., PRINTERS,
1904.

The Town of Harwich was Incorporated Sept. 14, 1694.
Population by Census of 1900, 2,334.

TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1903.

TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER—ONE YEAR.

Nathan C. Underwood.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR—ONE YEAR.

Ambrose N. Doane, Joseph K. Robbins, John H. Drum.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Darius M. Nickerson, Jr.,	Term expires in 1906
Thomas H. Nickerson,	" " 1904
Frank D. Underwood,	appointed for bal. year

ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

Arthur F. Nickerson,	Term expires in 1906
Davis Lothrop,	" " 1905
Chas. H. Taylor,	" " 1904

HERRING COMMITTEE—ONE YEAR.

Freeman Ryder, John E. Ryder, Emulous A. Cahoon.

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

Nathan C. Underwood, Clerk, ex-officio.

Ensign L. Jerauld,	Term expires in 1906
Martin L. Chase,	" " 1904
Joshua H. Paine,	" " 1905

AUDITORS.

James M. Moody, Benjamin Sears.

CONSTABLES.

Elisha H. Bearse, Wm. H. Bassett, John T. Wood.

FIRE WARD.

Freeman W. Cahoon.

TREE WARDEN.

Freeman W. Cahoon.

TAX COLLECTORS.

Coleman Kelly,	for West Section
Allen S. Megathlin,	" East "

CATTLE INSPECTOR.

John A. Baker.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Nathan C. Underwood.

TOWN REPORT.

To the Citizens of the Town of Harwich:

The officers and committees of said town herewith submit for your approval their Annual Report, containing a detailed statement of the business done and expenditures made under the various appropriations for the past year.

Report of Overseers of the Poor.

SUPPORT OF POOR IN ALMSHOUSE.

Appropriation $1,000.

Paid Albert Hall, for services as keeper,	$250 00	
Albert Hall, for supplies purchased,	67 07	
		$317 07
Paid H. W. Bassett, for groceries,	47 06	
James O. Hulse, Jr., "	25 43	
S. B. Kelley, "	30 30	
Samuel J. Miles, "	40 29	
Leonard Clark, "	22 50	
Hiram L. Crowell, "	23 45	
Hiram E. Nickerson, "	24 78	
Joshua F. Tobey, "	54 55	
Sears L. Moore, "	21 27	
Erastus Chase, "	20 89	
Samuel Moody, "	29 38	
Young Bros., "	19 12	
Alvin H. Bassett, "	20 21	
		379 23
Fred W. Baker, for beef supplied,	14 77	
A. E. Weekes, " " "	104 82	
E. L. Stokes, " " "	21 85	
		141 44
S. K. Sears, for dry goods,	11 19	
Cyrenus Hunt, " "	16 34	
		27 53

Paid E. Mayo, for shoes,	$1 25	
James F. Small, for shoes,	70	
		$1 95
John F. Allen, milk supplied,	35 79	
David P. Ryder, " "	5 16	
		40 95
Wm. Phillips, for wood,	12 75	
Simeon Nickerson, carting,	1 50	
Richard L. Baker, for wood,	6 00	
Arthur F. Nickerson, "	9 00	
Nathan Walker, "	11 75	
Joel B. Cahoon, "	7 66	
Cyrus Baker, "	11 00	
		59 66
W. B. Kelly, for coal,	69 33	
Edwin B. Rogers, for coal,	4 74	
		74 07
Louis Edmunds, M. D., medical attention,		1 75
Alpheus Howes, for hardware supplies,		21 93
Thomas R. Eldredge, grain and hay,		27 36
James M. Moody, lumber,		9 87
S. K. Crowell, for paint,		1 60
Mrs. H. Walker, for furniture and bedding,		2 50
Total amount expended,		$1,106 91
Credit by amount refunded on account of Sarah Arey,	49 00	
Credit by board paid on account of Lewis Phillips,	48 00	
		97 00
Appropriation $1,000, exceeded $9.91 net cost.		$1,009 91

ALMSHOUSE REGISTER FOR THE YEAR 1903.

Sarah Arey,	admitted in	1848,	age	72 years
Mehitable Cahoon,	"	1883,	"	64 "
Seth F. Chase,	"	1892,	"	54 "
Hannah Crowell,	"	1895,	"	81 "
Lewis Phillips,	"	1902, partial support.		

Under provisions of the laws recently enacted pertaining to the care of insane persons by the Commonwealth, two of the above named inmates, Sarah Arey and Hannah Crowell, have been removed to the Taunton Insane Asylum.

OUTSIDE POOR.

Appropriation $1,200

Aid rendered to persons having a settlement in Harwich.

Eben Phillips, town aid for 1903,		$60 00
Edwin L. Chase, " "		52 00
Idella Higgins, " "		48 00
Hittie Hunt, " "		16 00
Wm. H. Burnham, aid furnished by City of Taunton,	$7 00	
Wm. H. Burnham, medical aid furnished by W. C. Adams, M. D.,	24 00	
W. H. Burnham, medical aid and groceries by town of Lakeville,	124 62	
		155 62

Huldah Shute:

Paid Davis C. Phillips, labor on wood,	3 00	
James O. Hulse, Jr., for groceries furnished,	5 49	
Henry C. Robbins, for groceries furnished,	2 01	
B. D. Eldredge, for med. supplies,	50	
		11 00

Alec Chase:		
Paid Edwin B. Rogers, for groceries,	$56 33	
James F. Small, for shoes,	1 35	
Roxanna Chase, for cleaning,	3 00	
		$60 68
Catha R. Simmons:		
Paid James O. Hulse, Jr., for groceries,		120 44
Margaret O'Brien:		
Paid Louis Edmonds, M. D., medical aid,	3 00	
John P. Nickerson, M. D., medical aid,	2 15	
Margaret Gorham, board,	49 00	
S. K. Sears, dry goods furnished,	5 09	
James F. Small, and others, for shoes,	4 65	
		63 89
Augustus Peters:		
Paid Joshua F. Tobey, for groceries,	11 30	
Freeman Phillips, medical aid,	6 00	
Levi Long, burial outfit,	15 00	
		32 30
George H. O'Brien:		
Paid H. W. Bassett, for groceries,	6 18	
Henry C. Robbins, for groceries,	2 71	
A. F. Cahoon, clothing for children,	4 00	
E. Mayo, shoes,	2 50	
Samuel Moody, shoes for children,	2 75	
John P. Nickerson, M. D., medical attention,	16 90	
Expense in removing children to L. W. home,	6 10	
		41 14
Chas. W. Chase, son of Joseph G. Chase:		
Paid city of Somerville, for medical aid, etc.,		47 00
Leonard Burnham:		
Paid town of Lakeville, for medical aid rendered,		48 00

Alpheus Doane:		
Paid H. E. Nickerson, for groceries,	$20 00	
Sears L. Moore, for groceries,	20 08	
		$40 08
Caroline Leighton, aid furnished		15 00
Freeman Gracia:		
Paid Samuel Moody, for shoes furnished,		3 00
Joanna Allen:		
Paid Dean S. Edredge, for board,	16 00	
Wm. Phillips, for Sexton services,	3 00	
John H. Taylor, for burial outfit,	17 00	
		36 00
Mary Chadwick:		
Paid city of Boston, burial outfit,		10 00
Wm. E. Chase, son of Nathan H. Chase:		
Paid town of Plymouth, for aid rendered,		31 00
Aldena Eldredge:		
Paid F. A. Rogers, for medical aid and supplies,	45 00	
Herbert Eldredge, for part of board,	5 00	
		50 00
Hannah Crowell:		
Paid Taunton Insane Asylum,		9 29
Cost,		950 44

Appropriation, $1,200. Bal. unexpended, $249 56

AID RENDERED.

To persons having a settlement in other Cities and Towns.

Mrs. Forest N. Smith, and child:		
To aid furnished on account of City of Brockton,		$22 54
Refunded,	$22 54	

STATE PAUPERS.

Aided by the Town of Harwich.

To Manuel Pena, medical aid,	$25 75
Lydia Chipman, medical aid,	13 25
Pepeta Pena, medical aid,	1 00
Expended,	$40 00

Refunded, $25 75. To be refunded, $14 25

SUMMARY IN POOR DEPARTMENT.

Expense in almshouse,	$1,106 91	
Aid rendered to outside poor,	950 44	
" " poor of other cities and towns,	22 54	
Aid rendered to State paupers,	40 00	
Total amount paid out,		$2,119 89

Credits.

From Almshouse department,	$97 00	
Refunded from Brockton,	22 54	
To receive from State,	40 00	
		159 54
Net cost in poor department,		$1,960 35
No. of persons fully supported,		5
" " partially supported,		56
" of tramps entertained,		3
Total number aided,		64

AID RENDERED SHIPWRECKED SEAMEN.

To traveling expenses, paid on account of 6 members of the crew of Schooner Sarah Potter, wrecked in Vineyard sound, in the month of April, 1903,		8 20
To be refunded by State,	$8 20	

Respectfully submitted,

AMBROSE N. DOANE,
JOSEPH K. ROBBINS,
JOHN H. DRUM,

Overseers of the Poor of Harwich.

Road Commissioners' Department.

REPORT OF DAVIS LOTHROP. WEST SECTION.

Expended for repairs on roads,	$267 30	
" " clearing snow,	28 20	
" " repairs on bridges,	93 21	
" " " " railings,	31 80	
		$420 51

Total amount expended in West Section.

Repairs on Roads.

Paid Davis Lothrop, Com., for labor and horse,	$40 15
James R. Lothrop, for labor and horse,	16 25
Charles D. Hall, for labor and horse,	5 58
Joseph A. Baker, " "	9 71
Richard W. Rogers, " "	8 85
Edwin B. Rogers, " "	10 75
Herbert A. Ryder, " "	7 40
Chas. F. Hall, "	3 86
Emulous Hall, " "	24 55
John W. Hall, "	3 80
Warren S. Doane, "	5 30
John W. Nickerson, labor and horse,	2 63
Richard Baker, " "	4 55
Timothy Mulchay, " "	2 63
Charles T. Chase, " "	2 98
Wilson Kelley, " "	2 98
Eldorus D Cahoon, " "	10 05
Manuel Spindle, "	1 80
Benj. Kendrick, " "	1 80
Elijah Doane, " "	2 98
James B. Nelson, " "	2 80

Paid Willis H. Nickerson, labor,		$1 80	
Chester Cahoon,		1 80	
Ernest Walker,	labor and horse,	3 50	
Richard L. Baker,	"	2 00	
Marshall E. Chase,	" "	7 00	
Albert G. Parker,	" "	3 50	
Bennie Rogers,	"	2 00	
Austin Baker,	" "	3 50	
Eben Phillips,	"	40	
Joseph Sears,	"	1 50	
Edwin L. Chase,	" "	3 50	
Everett Cahoon,	" "	1 20	
Frank Lesser,	"	3 40	
Joseph Ashley,	"	8 50	
James H. Eldredge,	" "	1 05	
James B. Doane,	" "	35	
Freeman E. Chase,	"	2 00	
Wm. W. Chase,	"	2 00	
J. S. Nickerson,	"	40	
Seth F. Wickson,	" "	3 40	
Zebina Howland,	"	3 20	
Bennie Baker,	" "	3 00	
Frederick W. Chase,	" "	3 85	
James W. Cummings,	" "	3 85	
Herbert Berry,	" "	2 20	
Elmer E. Robbins,	" "	3 85	
Nathan B. Smith,	" "	3 85	
Alton Hall,	"	2 00	
E. E. Hall,	"	2 20	
Emulous Hall, for 3 loads clay at 5c load,		15	
Joshua Ryder, for 66 loads clay at 5c load,		3 30	
Joshua Ryder, for 158 loads clay at 5c load,		7 90	
Freeman Ryder, for 15 loads clay at 5c load,		75	
Edwin B. Rogers, for 2 loads stone,		3 00	
Expended,			$267 30

CLEARING SNOW.

Paid Davis Lothrop, R. Com. for labor,	$1 30	
Wilson Kelly, " "	20	
Geo. T. Sisson, horse and man,	70	
James R. Lothrop, " "	3 85	
James W. Cummings, "	5 43	
Wm. B. Walker, labor,	70	
Nathan B. Walker, horse and man,	2 25	
Richard W. Rogers, " "	4 90	
Cyrus W. Chase, " "	5 07	
Simon Kendrick, labor,	1 05	
Freeman E. Chase,	25	
Benjamin Rogers, man and horse,	2 50	
Expended,		$28 20

BRIDGE REPAIRS.

HERRING RIVER LOWER BRIDGE.

Paid Davis Lothrop, labor,	$5 60	
Freeman Ellis, "	4 03	
Isaiah D. Ellis, "	1 40	
Freeman E. Chase,	3 00	
Joseph A. Baker,	2 20	
Frederick Chase,	2 20	
Alonzo Caperon, for lumber,	17 46	
W. B. Kelley, " " etc.,	19 68	
		$55 57

BELLS NECK BRIDGE EXPENSE.

Paid W. B. Kelley, for lumber,	25 89	
Davis Lothrop, labor, etc.,	4 20	
F. W. Chase, " "	2 40	
Jos. A. Baker, " "	2 40	
		34 89

COY BROOK BRIDGE EXPENSE.

Paid Davis Lothrop,	1 75	
Freeman E. Chase,	1 00	
		2 75

RAILINGS, W. SECTION.

Paid Davis Lothrop, for labor,	$11 90	
Freeman E. Chase,	6 80	
D. R. Ginn, for 50 cedar posts,	5 00	
W. B. Kelley, for lumber, etc.,	8 10	
		31 80
Total amount expended in W. S.		$420 50

REPORT OF CHAS. H. TAYLOR. MIDDLE SECTION.

Paid out for general repairs,	$325 83	
" for clearing snow,	44 70	
" for repairing bridges,	40 63	
" for repairing railings,	85 64	
		$496 80
Paid Chas. H. Taylor, for labor and horse,	79 41	
Edward B. Allen, " "	1 43	
Bennie Ellis, "	1 40	
Wm. E. Chase, "	11 40	
D. L. Small, "	50	
Clarington Nickerson, "	6 00	
J. S. Nickerson, "	10 00	
Harry Eldredge, "	6 00	
James Small, "	6 60	
David A. Eldredge, labor and horse,	29 00	
U. D. Phillips, " "	28 65	
Barney Taylor, " "	22 00	
A. H. Baker, "	2 10	
Prince A. Atkins, " "	5 23	
Chester Baker, "	1 00	
Jos. P. Clark, " "	8 75	
H. W. Bassett, " "	1 75	
Abner Long, " "	3 50	
Benj. F. Eldredge, " "	26 11	
Nathan B. Walker, " "	4 95	
Spencer Ellis, "	4 80	

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Paid E. A. Cahoon,	labor,	$ 1 10	
C. H. Ellis,	"	3 90	
Levi F. Long,	"	3 00	
Everett L. Ellis,	labor and horse,	4 00	
Ira Allen,	"	4 60	
Arthur Nickerson,	" "	6 40	
A. C. Cahoon,	"	1 10	
Joshua G. Cash,	"	1 00	
A. Baker,	"	40	
Nehemiah E. Nickerson,	labor,	4 60	
A. Hall,	labor and horse,	3 20	
Richard McGran,	" "	3 50	
John H. Drum, for plank used in clay pit,		3 00	
W. B. Kelley, for drain pipe,		15 30	
For freight carting and cement,		4 35	
Obed Nickerson, for 80 loads clay at 5c load,		4 00	
Obed Nickerson, 60 loads loam at 3c load,		1 80	
Expended,			$325 83

SNOW ACCOUNT. MIDDLE SECTION.

Paid C. H. Taylor,	labor and horse,	$10 40	
Nathan B. Walker,	" "	17 05	
Everett L. Ellis,	" "	5 43	
Joseph W. Chase,	"	1 22	
E. G. Harding,	"	1 20	
Charles Nichols,	"	70	
Bennie Ellis,	"	1 20	
Harry Eldredge,	"	1 80	
F. B. Ellis,	"	1 75	
A. K. Drew,	"	1 75	
Wilbur Bassett,	"	1 00	
Wm. Walker,	"	1 20	
Expended,			44 70

BRIDGE ACCOUNT. MIDDLE SECTION.

Paid Edward B. Allen,	labor, etc.,	$2 90	
S. H. Moody,	"	3 00	
Nehemiah E Nickerson,	"	3 00	
W. B. Kelley, lumber supplies,		31 73	
Expended,			40 63

REPAIRS ON RAILINGS AND FENCES. M. SECTION.

Paid W. B. Kelley,	lumber, etc.,	$1 18	
James M. Moody,	"	41 41	
Sherman F. Bassett, carpenter labor,		19 72	
Joshua F. Tobey, paint,		6 98	
Arthur F. Doane,	labor,	4 40	
Ernest Small,	"	3 50	
Spencer Ellis, labor, painting,		3 00	
Samuel J. Miles, paint,		5 45	
			85 64
Amount expended in Middle Section,			$496 80

REPORT OF A. F. NICKERSON.

ROAD COMMISSIONER IN EAST SECTION.

Expended for repairs on roads,	$335 32	
" " clearing snow,	53 24	
" " repairing bridges,	2 30	
" " fence and railings,	24 60	
" " South Harwich road,	130 25	
		545 71

PAID FOR REPAIRING ROADS.

To Ebenezer Weekes, bill for labor, no items given,	$39 60	
Arthur F. Nickerson, labor and horse,	85 60	
Arthur N. Kenney, " "	35 15	

160 35

To Sears L. Moore,	labor and horse,		$1 38
Wm. Barnes,	"		2 80
Edward Kelley,	"		1 40
Geo. B. Mecarta,	"	"	2 27
Simeon Nickerson,	"		22 20
Antone Lomba,	"		1 40
Jabez Crowell,	"	"	8 03
Ziba Cahoon,	"		1 40
Irving Eldredge,	"		1 30
W. Higgins,	"	"	16 10
I. B. Kendrick,	"		1 60
Ralph Kelley,	"		16 60
Milton Small,			8 00
Ephraim Bassett,	"	"	8 93
Alonzo Nickerson,	"	"	16 45
Ernest Nickerson,	"	"	6 30
Rufus H. Small,	"	"	4 55
Elijah L. Stokes,	"	"	3 60
Winifred Small,	"		3 60
Chas. Hutchins,	"		2 60
Edgar Nickerson,	"		1 80
Frederick Nickerson,	"		3 20
Bert Higgins,	"		2 10
Lewis Rogers,	"		3 20
Wm. H. Doane,	"	"	4 95
Albyron Ellis,	"		2 00
Henry Gorms,	"		5 00
Rufus P. Butler,	"		1 30
Geo. Crowell,	"		1 40
David A. Eldredge,	"	"	3 30
Ernest Small,	"		1 30
A. Chase,	"		1 23
Ev. B. Mecarta,	"	"	2 80
Manuel Antone,	"		80
Edward Kaley, for 54 loads loam at 4 cents,			2 16
A. N. Kenney, 12 loads sand at 1c,			12
S. L. Moore, 40 loads loam at 2c,			80
Geo. Nickerson, 30 loads loam at 2c,			60

To Jabez Crowell, 20 loads clay at 3c,	$60	
Everett Eldredge, 20 loads loam at 2c,	40	
Albert Crowell, 60 loads loam at 2c,	1 20	
Ambrose Freeman, 50 loads clay at 4c,	2 00	
Wm. H. Doane, 10 loads loam,	20	
Rufus H. Small, sand,	2 00	
Expended,		$335 32

CLEARING SNOW.

Paid Ebenezer Weekes' bill, no items,	5 69
E. L. Nickerson, stock and labor for snow plough, etc.,	3 10
Arthur F. Nickerson, Com , labor and horse,	4 63
Isaac B. Kendrick, for labor,	1 35
Irving Eldredge, "	95
Jabez Crowell, "	1 35
Edgar C. Nickerson, labor and horse,	3 65
Ernest L. Nickerson, " "	2 00
Eph Eldredge, "	60
Ephraim Bassett, "	50
Nathaniel Cahoon, "	50
Frederick Nickerson, "	75
Rufus H. Small, " "	5 48
Elijah L. Stokes, " "	4 05
E. W. Small, Jr., " "	2 25
Alexander Chase, "	75
Arthur N. Kenney, " "	4 08
W. Higgins, " "	1 80
Andrew Kendrick, "	25
Allie Kendrick, "	60
Geo. B. Mecarta, " "	2 27
Wm. Wentzel, "	70
Edward Kaley, "	70
Wm. Barnes, "	70
Allie Chase, "	60

Paid Ernest C. Nickerson, labor and horse,	$2 89	
E. Nickerson, "	1 05	
Expended,		$53 24
Repairs on Walker's bridge,		2 30

FENCES AND RAILINGS.

Paid A. F. Nickerson, Com., for labor,	2 00	
Wm. H. Doane, "	7 95	
Simeon Nickerson, "	1 00	
Henry Gorms, "	1 10	
Freeman Rogers, "	4 10	
Samuel Nickerson, "	50	
Young Bros., for nails,	94	
W. B. Kelley, for lumber,	4 91	
Edwin L. Eldredge, cedar posts,	1 70	
Lewis Rogers, 4 cedar posts at 10c,	40	
Expended,		$24 60

SOUTH HARWICH ROAD.

Special Appropriation, $125 00.

Paid A. F. Nickerson, labor and horses,	$25 65
Chas. H. Taylor, " "	10 00
Ralph Ellis, "	6 00
Antone Lomba, "	8 00
Milton Small, "	8 50
Carl Ellis, "	6 80
Wm. A. Nickerson, "	1 50
Samuel Nickerson, "	2 70
Geo. Mecarta, labor and horse,	5 25
Geo. Sparrow, " "	9 98
Rufus P. Butler, " "	9 98
Seabury Taylor, " "	5 25
Chas. Hutchins, " "	5 20
E. L. Stokes, " "	3 45

Paid Ralph Kelley, labor,		$1 70	
Rufus H. Small, labor and horse,		2 80	
Wm. Barnes,		2 70	
Rinaldo Eldredge, R. machine,		4 00	
Rufus P. Butler, loam,		6 79	
Rufus H. Small, sand,		4 00	
Expended,			$130 25
Exceeded appropriation,	$5 25		

SUMMARY OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

Cr.

By appropriation for repairs on roads,	$1,000 00	
" " clearing snow,	100 00	
" " repairing bridges,	200 00	
" " " railings,	100 00	
" special appropriation for S. H. road,	125 00	
Total amount of appropriations,		$1.525 00

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To Davis Lothrop, for repairs on roads,	$267 30
Chas. H. Taylor, repairs on roads,	325 83
A. F. Nickerson, repairs on roads,	335 32
Expended for roads,	$928 45
Davis Lothrop, clearing snow,	28 20
Charles H. Taylor, "	44 70
A. F. Nickerson, "	53 24
Expended for snow,	$126 14

BRIDGES.

To Davis Lothrop, bridges,	$93 21
C. H. Taylor, "	40 63
A. F. Nickerson, "	2 30
Expended for bridges,	$136 14

RAILINGS.

To Davis Lothrop,	railings,	$31 80
Chas. H. Taylor,	"	85 64
A. F. Nickerson,	"	24 60
Expended for railings,		$142 04
A. F. Nickerson, working S. H. road,		$130 25
Unexpended from total amount of appropriation,		$61 98

GUIDEBOARDS ARE MAINTAINED.

Near the residence of	Asa Rogers,	East Harwich.
" "	Joseph H. Nickerson,	"
" "	late Nathan Nickerson,	"
" "	Joel B. Cahoon,	"
" "	Joshua Kendrick,	"
" "	Albert Higgins,	"
" "	Alonzo Nickerson,	"
" "	late Samuel D. Eldredge,	"
" "	of Abial C. Taylor,	South Harwich.
" "	Wm. A. Eldredge,	"
" "	Wm. F. Crapo,	Harwich Centre.
" Exchange Building,		"
" the residence of	Harvey Sisson,	Harwich Port.
" "	Joshua G. Ryder,	North Harwich.

Respectfully submitted.

DAVIS LOTHROP,
CHARLES H. TAYLOR,
ARTHUR F. NICKERSON,
Road Commissioners of Harwich.

Assessors' Report.

ABATEMENT ON TAXES ASSESSED IN THE YEAR 1900.

Chas. E. Brett, personal,	$12 73
Estate Elizabeth Loveland, no property,	1 02
Pamelia Nickerson, overtax,	1 16
Estate Jessie Rogers, property sold,	4 64
Henry S. Doane, poll, non-resident,	2 00
Estate Warren Nickerson, abatement,	51
Jalias S. Nickerson, inability,	2 47
Benj. F. and Charles P. Robbins, error,	1 45
James E. Studley, personal, non-resident,	3 30
Fred M. Chase, inability,	1 16
Willis H. Chase, taxed in Dennis,	2 00
Estate Susan Bassett, inability,	1 45
David Cook, property sold,	72
Cornelius Eldredge, inability,	4 03
Geo. Gleason, no property,	59
Heirs Wm. Howes, inability,	87
Jessie Nickerson, inability,	30
Heirs Hiram Taylor, inability,	87
Estate Ed. Johnson, abatement,	29
Geo. N. Eldredge, abatement,	29
Thomas Ellis, abatement,	44
Mercy H. Nickerson, non-resident, inability,	3 92
Jos. Young, abatement,	44
Heirs Jos. K. Mayo, no property,	44
Jos. R. Snow, overtax,	1 45
Albert Ellis, overtax,	73
Albert J. Condon, poll, non-resident,	2 00
Ruth Nickerson, inability,	3 33
Geo. H. Snow, error on personal,	29

Wm. Wilson, non-resident,	$2 00
Chas. B. Lewis, error,	2 03
Estate Austin Baker, overtax on real estate,	32
Miller Nickerson, no property, (sold)	1 88
Jonathan Nickerson, overtax,	2 17
Lizzie Nickerson, inability,	73
Isaac Kelley, overtax,	1 01
Heirs Jonathan Kelley, inability,	3 05
	$68 08

ABATEMENT ON TAXES ASSESSED IN THE YEAR 1901.

Antone Correa, reassessed,	$5 69
Estate Eldredge Small, inability,	4 26
Ferdernand Robbins, property sold,	1 98
Geo. N. Eldredge, inability,	42
Emma A. Battles, abatement,	28
Heirs Wm. Howes, inability,	85
Heirs Jessie Nickerson, inability,	28
Ed. Johnson, overtax,	28
Heirs Susan Bassett, inability,	1 42
Eldredge Baker, inability,	7 67
Wilbur Bassett, poll, inability,	2 00
David Cook, abatement,	71
Wm. Chase, no personal,	2 57
Estate Amial Ellis, inability,	2 42
Cornelius Eldredge, inability,	4 57
Alton W. Eldredge, poll, non-resident,	2 00
Rufus H. Eldredge, inability,	2 71
John L. Gorms, inability,	6 26
Rufus T. Gifford, inability,	3 14
Leslie Jerauld, overtax,	4 26
Mary B. Kendrick, error,	71
Frank Pierrier, overtax,	2 43
Everett E. Smith, non-resident,	2 00

Heirs Eben Taylor, inability,	$1 70
Emma H. Handren, no property,	28
Abial Ellis, no property,	28
Azabah Ballou, no property,	1 14
Heirs Seth Bearse, inability,	28
J. D. Anderson, overtax,	71
Heirs Jos. S. Reed, no property,	85
Estate Samuel Ryder, overtax on real estate,	1 14
Richard Smith, inability,	28
Thomas Ellis, inability,	43
Thomas F. Bragg, no property,	57
Samuel C. Long, no property,	1 99
Jos. R. Snow, overtax on real estate,	1 42
Heirs Joel B. Cahoon, exempt,	43
Cavanaugh Bros., property sold,	85
Emanuel Barlow, no property,	28
Alexander Nickerson, no property,	43
Heirs James Arey, property sold,	43
Geo. W. Ryder, property sold,	1 42
Ruth Nickerson, inability,	3 27
H. B. Nickerson, exempt,	1 14
Heir Enos Kent, no property,	71
Ebenezer Eldredge, inability,	6 46
Nathaniel Eldredge, error,	2 13
Estate Chester Snow, part abatement on hall,	15 95
Estate Reuben Allen, inability,	17 19
Luther T. Allen, error,	99
Gilson E. Chase, property sold,	2 13
Joshua Buck, no personal,	28
John Bulman, no personal,	43
David R. Chase, non-resident,	2 00
Benj. Ellis, inability,	2 14
Richard Gage, personal paid in Orleans,	2 99
John W. Nickerson, overtax,	5 13
Wm. A. Parker, non-resident,	3 99
Chas. A. Nickerson, taxed away,	3 42
Benj. F. and Chas. P. Robbins, overtax,	1 42
Jeremiah F. Walker, inability,	2 17
Harry A. West, non-resident,	2 28

James E. Studley, no personal,	$ 57
Augustus Peters, inability,	6 96
Wm. Wilson, non-resident,	2 00
Chas. E. Brett, property sold,	1 02
Zeno Gage, inability,	57
Fred. M. Chase, inability,	1 13
Estate Jonathan Kelley, inability,	2 98
Estate Miller Nickerson, property sold,	1 85
Lizzie Nickerson, inability,	71
Wilbur Kelley, property sold and taxed,	2 13
Chas. B. Lewis, error,	1 98
Elisha Rogers, inability,	86
	$172 80

ABATEMENTS ON TAXES ASSESSED FOR THE YEAR 1902.

Lavina Long, widow's exemption,	$7 25
Pamelia Nickerson, overtax on real estate,	1 13
Wm. R. Burgess, overtax on real estate,	1 31
Sarah G. Brooks, overtax on real estate,	11 60
Chas. B. Oliver, sold,	1 16
Hiram L. Crowell, overtax,	1 45
Antone Correa, no personal,	44
Thomas W. Kendrick, overtax on real estate,	73
Richard L. Baker, overtax on real estate,	5 08
Estate Cyrenus Eldredge, overtax on real estate,	3 92
S. P. Hall, no personal,	73
Frank P. Hall, abatement,	2 90
Milton Small, no personal,	29
Wm. P. Rogers, no real estate,	1 59
Isaac B. Kendrick, taxed to others,	13 19
Estate Samuel J. Allen, error,	1 50
Estate Z. D. Chase, overtax,	2 38
Ferdernand Robbins, overtax on real estate,	2 03
Estate Geo. H. Eldredge, widow's exemption,	7 25

Anna L. Robbins, partial exemption,	$4 76
Estate Henry Sparrow, overtax,	2 55
Edric Robbins, no personal,	29
Chas. E. Robbins, "	2 29
Chas. Smith, overtax on real estate,	1 16
Chas. F. Hall, " "	1 60
Rebecca P. Allen, taxed twice,	6 38
Estate Mark F. Nickerson, inability,	7 50
Francis Bent,	1 45
Estate James S. Paine, exemption,	7 25
	$101 16

ABATEMENTS ON TAXES ASSESSED FOR THE YEAR 1903.

Philip L. Nickerson, overtax in real estate,	$3 84
Elizabeth Fields, " "	2 40
Chas. Smith, " "	1 28
Wm. W. Chase, no personal,	80
Edward B. Allen, overtax on real estate,	80
Estate Elisha Mayo, inability,	13 80
Rebecca P. Allen, error,	7 04
Estate Fanny Snow, overtax,	4 00
Reuben C. Baker, "	5 20
Albert Raymond, property sold,	84
Estate Hannah Ansell, taxed to others,	23 20
John N. Kelley, " "	14 80
Estate Edwin F. Ryder, exempt,	4 32
Calvin C. Parker, overtax,	1 92
Bassett's Pond C. Co., overtax on swamp,	2 40
Estate Elisha A. Doane, exempt,	6 40
Alonzo Nickerson, error,	7 04
Mercy H. Nickerson, non resident, inability,	4 64
T. Carrol Nickerson, overtax on real estate,	2 80
Estate W. E. Nickerson, overtax, part abatement,	4 44
" Jos. B. Kelley, overtax on real estate,	3 20
" James S. Paine, abatement,	8 00

Thomas F. Braggs, taxed to others,	$7 04
Lavina Long, " "	6 24
	$136 44

SUMMARY OF ABATEMENTS.

Taxes abated for the year 1900,		$68 08	
" " " " 1901,		172 80	
" " " " 1902,		101 16	
" " " " 1903,		136 44	
Total amount,			$478 48
Appropriation,	$350 00		
Exceeded,	128 48		

UNCOLLECTED TAXES OF YEAR 1900.

		Dr.
Due from Coleman Kelley, collector, west section,		$47 96
Due from A. S. Megathlin, collector, east section,		43 01
Amount to collect,		$90 97
Cr.		
By cash received from collectors,	$22 89	
By abatement orders drawn,	68 08	
		$90 97

SETTLEMENT OF TAXES IN WEST SECTION.

Assessed in the year 1901.	*Dr.*
Coleman Kelley, collector, amount of warrant,	$9,006 37
Amount of added taxes,	48 28
	$9,054 65

Cr.

By cash paid on collections to Town Treasurer,	$8,631 80	
By abatement orders,	191 82	
By premium of $2\frac{1}{2}$% on warrant,	226 37	
Balance due,	4 66	
		$9,054 65

SETTLEMENT OF TAXES IN EAST SECTION.

Assessment of year 1901. *Dr.*

Allen S. Megathlin, collector, amount of warrant,	$7,364 15	
Allen S. Megathlin, collector, added taxes,	21 43	
		$7,385 58

Cr.

By cash paid Town Treasurer on collections,	$6,924 98	
By abatement orders,	224 72	
By premium of 3% on amount of warrant,	221 57	
Balance due and uncollected taxes,	14 31	
		$7,385 58

SUMMARY OF SETTLEMENT FOR TAXES OF 1901.

Dr.

To amount of tax for west section,	$9,054 65	
To amount of tax for east section,	7,385 58	
Total,		$16,440 23

Credits.

By cash paid Town Treasurer, west section,	$8,631 80
By cash paid Town Treasurer, east section,	6,924 98
	$15,556 78

By abatement orders, west section,	$191 82		
By abatement orders, east section,	224 72		
		$416 54	
By premium $2\frac{1}{2}$% on warrant,	$226 37		
By premium 3% on warrant,	221 57		
		447 94	
By balance due from W. section,	$4 66		
By balance due from E. section,	14 31		
		18 97	
			$16,440 23
Refunded to Allen S. Megathlin, collector, amount found to be overpaid on the collection of taxes for year 1900, when the collector's book was balanced,			$10 50

VALUATION OF PERSONAL AND REAL ESTATE, AND STATISTICS.

Value of real estate for year 1903,		$922,835 00
" personal estate for year 1903,		205,615 00
		$1,128,450 00
Value of real estate, year 1902,	$917,310 00	
" personal, "	210,220 00	
		1,127,530 00
Increase,		$920 00
Taxable valuation for year 1903,		$1,128,450 00
Rate per thousand,		16 00
Amount of tax including overlays,		19,337 20

Polls. $1282.00
19 337 20
$20619.70

Number of polls assessed,		641
" " persons assessed, poll tax only,		76
" " residents assessed,	837	
" " non residents assessed,	460	
" " all others including polls,	95	
Total number assessed,		1392
Number of horses, assessed,		316
" cows "		200
" neat cattle,		3
" swine,		16
" fowls, etc.,		400
Value of same,		$155

Respectfully submitted,

AMBROSE N. DOANE,
JOSEPH K. ROBBINS,
JOHN H. DRUM,

Assessors of Harwich.

1128 450
16
6770700
1128450
18052200
1282
$ 19337 20

Selectmen's Report.

To the citizens of Harwich, the Board of Selectmen hereby submit a detailed report and summary of the business done in this department for the year ending Dec. 31, 1903.

Appropriations voted for at last annual town meeting for the following purposes.

For support of poor in almshouse,		$1,000 00
" " outside almshouse,		1,200 00
Miscellaneous expenses,		800 00
Town officers and committees,		1,600 00
Repairs public buildings,	150 00	
Painting schoolhouse,	350 00	
		500 00
Tax abatements,		350 00
General repairs on roads,	1,000 00	
Repairs on bridges,	200 00	
Railings,	100 00	
Clearing snow,	100 00	
Repairing road, South Harwich,	125 00	
		1,525 00
Claying 1 mile road at E. Harwich,		1,000 00
State aid,		1,665 00
General appropriation for schools,	$5,600 00	
School books and supplies,	350 00	
Schoolrooms and incidentals,	200 00	
Supt. of schools,	135 00	
Transportation of pupils,	250 00	
		6,535 00
Iron bridge, note 7,		500 00
State highway, note 3, loan of year 1900,		500 00
Macadam road loan of year 1902, note 1,		1,000 00

For Shell road loan of year 1903, note 1,	$1,000 00
Macadam road loan of year 1903, note 1,	1000 00
Fire wards,	30 00
Tree warden,	10 00
Board of health,	50 00
Cattle Inspector,	30 00
Election officers,	40 00
Sealer of weights and measures,	30 00
Repairs on State highway,	130 00
Insurance account,	50 00
Interest account,	700 00
Broad brooks library,	150 00
Herring river, improvement,	100 00
Old Home Week,	50 00
Amount,	$21,545 00

APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED FOR THE YEAR 1904.

For poor in almshouse,	$1,000 00
Outside almshouse,	1,000 00
Miscellaneous expenses,	800 00
Town officers and committees,	1,600 00
Repairs on public buildings,	
Tax abatements,	400 00
General repairs on roads,	800 00
Repairs on bridges,	100 00
Railings,	100 00
Clearing snow,	500 00
State aid,	1,660 00
General appropriation for schools,	5,600 00
School books and supplies,	350 00
Schoolrooms and incidentals,	200 00
School supt.,	135 00
Transportation of scholars,	250 00
Iron bridge loan, note 8,	500 00
S. H. loan of year 1900, note 4,	500 00

For Macadam loan of year 1902, note 2,	$1000 00
Shell road loan of 1903, note 2,	1000 00
Macadam loan of 1903, note 2,	1000 00
Insurance account,	
Interest account,	750 00
Repairs on State highway,	130 00
Fire wards,	50 00
Tree warden,	10 00
Board of Health,	50 00
Cattle Inspector,	30 00
Election Officers,	50 00
Amount recommended,	$19,565 00

JURY LIST

Prepared by the Selectmen for 1904.

Anthony P. Doane,	Cranberry Grower
Samuel A. Ellis,	Hotel Keeper
Freeman E. Berry,	Retired Captain
Franklin D. Underwood,	Cranberry Grower
Aaron E. Baker,	Clerk
Carrol F. Doane,	Cranberry Grower
Wm. P. Rogers,	Farmer
James H. Eldredge,	Cranberry Grower
Daniel B. Thomas,	Clerk
Gideon H. Freeman,	Carpenter
Edwin B. Rogers,	Merchant
Joseph B. Atkins,	Cranberry Grower
Sears L. Moore,	Merchant
Jabez Crowell,	Farmer
Marshall E. Chase,	Cranberry Grower
Wm. Phillips,	Cranberry Grower
Wm. F Crapo,	Cranberry Grower
James M. Nickerson,	Cranberry Grower
Everett B. Mecarta,	Merchant
Samuel J. Smith,	Merchant
Sherman F. Bassett,	Carpenter

Geo. T. Bassett,	Cranberry Grower
Clifton C. Nickerson,	Farmer
John Condon,	Mechanic
Richard W. McGran,	Farmer
Chas. H. Cahoon,	Cranberry Grower
William C. Ellis,	Laborer
Archelius H. Matson,	Merchant
Chas. E. Lothrop,	Painter
Frank A. Small,	Merchant
Anthony H. Ryder,	Wheelwright
Alonzo Kendrick,	Merchant
Arthur N. Kenney,	Cranberry Grower
Thomas L. Snow,	Retired Captain
Henry C. Berry,	Retired Captain
Chas. T. Chase,	Painter
Benj. Kendrick,	Retired Captain
Edwin R. Berry,	Mechanic

Respectfully submitted,

AMBROSE N. DOANE,
JOSEPH K. ROBBINS,
JOHN H. DRUM,
Selectmen of Harwich.

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Appropriation,	$800 00	
Appropriation for sealer of weights and measures,	30 00	
	$830 00	
Paid out for rent:		
Of Exchange Building, Feb. 1903,	70 00	
Of Exchange Building, H. H. school graduation,	35 00	
Of Chapel for Republican caucus, 1903,	4 00	
Of Social Hall for Democratic caucus, 1903,	4 00	
		$113 00

Paid D. M. Nickerson, Jr., for legal advice,		$2 50
Paid for telephone expense for 1903,		18 84
Paid A. P. Goss for ad. notices, office supplies, etc.:		
Ad. road notices for 1903,	$29 00	
For printed office supplies,	11 35	
Order, record and tax collector's books,	17 25	
Ad. Town meeting warrants,	14 50	
Ad. selectmen and assessors' notices,	6 00	
Ad. Registrar's notices,	3 75	
		81 85
Paid Standard Job Print:		
For printing 850 town reports for 1902,	115 50	
For printing official ballots for 1903,	10 75	
For printing town office, tax collector's supplies,	11 60	
For extra printing,	1 25	
		139 10
Paid E. H. Bearse for writing and posting warrants,		10 65
D. M. Nickerson, Jr., two days' services as moderator, Feb. 1903,		10 00
Expense repairing hearse:		
Paid George Brownell for iron for tires,	3 92	
H. H. Murphy, for labor on tires,	5 00	
Wm. A. Eldredge, for paint and labor,	94 75	
A. S. Doane, for sponges, etc.,	1 40	
		105 07
Traveling expense and horse hire, of the Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor,		50 70
Benj. Doane, police service, July, 1902,	2 00	
Lorenzo Doane, for police service July 3, 1903,	2 00	

Paid Laban Snow, for police service July 3 and 4, 1903,	$4 00	
Harvey C. Phillips, for police service July, 1903,	2 00	
H. H. Murphy, for police service July, 1903,	2 00	
Amos F. Wixon, for police service July, 1903,	2 00	
E. H. Bearse, for police service July, 1903,	2 00	
W. I. Paine,	2 00	
E. H. Bearse, services, (1 day) old home week,	2 50	
Rob Katenhorn, services, (1 day) old home week,	2 50	
		$23 00
Paid Charles R. Ellis, watching building,		1 00
Laban Snow, fish warden at West Harwich, 1903,		5 00
Thomas L. Snow, fish warden, at H. river 1903,		5 00
Alpheus Howes, town office supplies,		2 52
Allen S. Megathlin, postage, etc., for 2 years' collection of taxes,		20 00
Levi Long, 4 trips with hearse,	1 25	5 00
A. L. Jones, 24 trips with hearse,	1 25	30 00
" " 10 " "	1 00	10 00
N. C. Underwood, for recording 51 births,		25 50
N. C. Underwood, for recording 23 marriages,		4 60
N. C. Underwood, for recording 46 deaths,		9 20
Albert Hall, for cleaning hearse,		5 00
For town office supplies,		6 01
Coal for Exchange building,		17 81
Express and delivering town reports for 1902,		2 00
Miron W. Rogers, for janitor's service Feb., 1902,		12 00

Paid The Wakefield Daily Item for books, etc.,		$5 00
A. B. Chase, land damage,		2 50
Nathan Walker for damage done to wagon on Queen Ann's road,		5 00
A. F. Sherman for abstract book,		15 00
S. A. Haywood, for school census,		10 00
Sealer of weights and measures:		
Paid for advertising notice in paper,	$2 00	
N. C. Underwood, for services and team,	19 50	
		21 50
Expended,		$774 35

Unexpended from appropriation,	$65.65
Fees received from sealer of weights and measures,	22 83
	$88 48

TOWN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.

Appropriation, $1,600.00

Salaries and commissions paid for services as Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor, for year ending Dec. 31, 1903:

To Ambrose N. Doane,	$250 00	
Joseph K. Robbins, horse hire (5.00)	253 75	
John H. Drum,	245 00	
		$748 75

School Committee Service for 1903:

Paid G. N. Munsell, for 2½ days' service,	$6 25
Thomas H. Nickerson, for year 1903,	46 25
Darius M. Nickerson, Jr., for year 1903,	45 00

Auditors and settling with Town Treasurer:

Paid Benj. Sears, for services of 1902,	$8 00
James M. Moody,	8 00
Ambrose N. Doane, chairman of S.,	3 00
N. C. Underwood,	3 00

Registrars of Voters, etc.:

Paid Martin L. Chase, for services and horse hire, 1903,	21 70
Ensign L. Jerauld, for services and horse hire, 1903,	8 50
Joshua H. Paine, for services,	20 00
Nathan C. Underwood, clerk,	24 25

Town Treasurer for 1903:

Paid Nathan C. Underwood,	200 00

Tax Collectors:

Paid Coleman Kelley, 2½% premium on amount of $9,054 65, warrant for west section, year 1901,	226 37
Allen S. Megathlin, 3% premium on amount of $7,385 58. Warrant for east section for year 1901,	221 57
E. H. Bearse, for services as truant officer,	6 00
Unexpended, $3.36 Expended,	$1,596 64

ELECTION OFFICERS AND EXPENSES.

Appropriations, $40.00

Paid Everett B. Mecarta, for services, Feb., 1903,	$2 50
Miron W. Rogers, for labor on booths, Nov., 1902,	3 00

Paid Miron W. Rogers, for labor on booths, Feb., 1903,	$3 00
Elijah L. Stokes, for T. services, Feb., 1903,	2 50
John T. Wood, " " " " "	2 50
" " " constable services, Feb., 1903,	2 50
James R. Lothrop, for teller services, Feb., 1903,	2 50
James C. Baker, for teller services, Feb., 1903,	2 50
Levi Snow, " " " " "	2 50
Nathan C. Underwood, for services at Nov. election, 1903,	2 50
Nathan C. Underwood, for making returns, Nov. election, 1903,	3 00
Nathan C. Underwood, for ½ day's service at S. town meeting, 1903,	1 25
Nathan C. Underwood, for meeting with Rep. committee,	2 50
James O. Hulse, Jr., teller, Nov., 1903,	2 50
Miron W. Rogers, labor on booths, Nov., 1903,	3 00
H. H. Murphy, teller, Nov., 1903,	2 50
James C. Baker, " " "	2 50
W. H. Bassett, election officer, Nov., 1903,	2 50
Exceeded appropriation, $5.75 Expended,	$45 75

MEDICAL EXAMINATION FOR INSANITY.

Paid Louis Edmonds, M. D., for exam. of A. Doane, Louis Edmonds, M. D., for exam. of Aldena Eldredge,	$10 40
H. D. Handy, M. D., for exam. of A. Doane, H. D. Handy, M. D., for exam. of Aldena Eldredge,	10 40
To be Refunded, $20.80 Expended,	$20 80

SCHOOL ACCOUNT, DR.

To orders drawn by the selectmen for bills approved by the school commitee in payment for schools, books, supplies, incidentals, supt's. salary and transportation of scholars,

Amt.	$8,135 85

Cr. by town appropriations for the same as follows:

For Schools,	$5,600 00
School books and supplies,	350 00
School room incidentals,	200 00
Supt. of schools, salary,	135 00
Transportation of scholars,	250 00
Deficiency bal.,	1,600 85
	$8,135 85

For items of expenditures and for other sums available to be credited to school account, see school committee's report.

HERRING RIVER IMPROVEMENT.

Appropriation $100.00

Paid selectmen, committee, and witness traveling expense to Boston and elsewhere to legislative hearings,	$100 91
Paid W. D. Brooks & Son hotel expense for legislative committee and selectmen,	13 50
Paid John H. Drum for use of teams to W. Harwich and Centreville,	5 50
Paid D. M. Nickerson, Jr., for services rendered,	10 00
Expended,	$129 91

Exceeded appropriation, $29.91

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Paid for one night's lodging for ex-soldier,	$1 00

CATTLE INSPECTOR.

Appropriation, $30.00

Paid John A. Baker for services for year 1903, ending Mar. 31, 1903,	$50 00

To be refunded one-half by state, $25.00

INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Appropriation $700.00

Paid interest on $7,000 loan, 1902,	$280 00
" on macadam loan year of 1900, also iron bridge,	75 00
Interest on macadam and oyster shell loans of 1903,	107 50
Interest on temporary loans, etc.,	62 33
Unexpended, $175.17	$524 83

ELECTRIC ROAD.

Paid for rent of Social Hall for hearing,	$3 00
Ad. notice of said hearing,	4 00
To be refunded,	$7 00

BROAD BROOKS FREE LIBRARY.

Appropriation $150.00

Paid A. L. Weekes, treasurer of said library,	$150 00

INSURANCE ACCOUNT.

Appropriation $50.00

Paid A. L. Weekes for insurance on school buildings,	$49 64
Samuel Small, insurance on school property,	25 50
Insurance adjustment in transfer of the Exchange property,	70 11
Expended,	$145 25

Exceeded appropriation $95.25

OLD HOME WEEK CELEBRATION.

Appropriation, $50.00

Paid Thomas H. Nickerson, treas., $50 00

Bal. of funds raised to carry on this work was collected by the committee from outside sources.

STATE AID.

Paid to beneficiaries under the provisions of chapter 301, acts of 1894, per orders drawn by the selectmen, $1,617 00

To be refunded.

COUNTY TAX.

Paid Edward L. Chase, county treas., amount of warrant, $1,002 33

No appropriation.

PAINTING AND REPAIRING PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

Appropriation for painting schoolhouses,		$350
" " repairing public building,		150
		$500
Paid S. K. Crowell, for paint furnished per contract,		
For 110 gals. white paint at $1.25 per gal ,	$137 50	
9 gals. green paint at $1.35 per gal.,	12 15	
5 gals. red paint at $1.25 per gal.,	6 25	
7 lbs. " " 3c. per lb.,	21	
2½ gals. oil,	1 25	
2½ " inside paint, at $1.35 per gal.,	3 37	
Plaster and putty,	20	
Paid for stock,		160 93
Nathan Ellis, labor, painting P. L. schoolhouse,		26 25
Chas. T. Chase, labor, painting W. H. schoolhouse,		50 00
Wm. A. Eldredge, labor, painting E. H. Schoolhouse,	50 00	
Wm. A. Eldredge, for 6 gals. oil,	3 00	
" " w. glass,	96	
" " 7 lbs. putty,	35	
" " gilding vane,	3 00	
" " paint for door-step,	60	
Wm. A. Eldredge, for inside labor of out building,	1 68	
Wm. A. Eldredge, for setting glass, S. house,	2 50	
Wm. A. Eldredge, for 2 days' labor, on sashes,	5 00	
		67 09

Paid Wm. A. Eldredge, for labor on So. Harwich schoolhouse,	$50 00	
Wm. A. Eldredge, for 6 gals oil at 50c. gal.,	3 00	
Wm. A. Eldredge, for 5 lbs. putty,	25	
" " w. glass,	1 20	
" " 1 day setting window glass,	2 50	
Wm. A. Eldredge, for gilding ball, etc.,	1 25	
" " Inside labor, 2 days' painting sashes,	5 00	
Wm. A. Eldredge, 8 hours on out buildings, etc.,	2 24	
		$65 44
Wm. A. Eldredge for repairs on Harwichport schoolhouse,		1 00
S. K. Crowell for 4 days' painting H. C. school,		10 00
Amount expended,		$380 71
Unexpended, $119.29		

FIRE WARDS.

Appropriation, $30.00

Paid Jacob Phillips	for labor at fire,	75
Vincent Bassett	" "	75
Heman Bassett	" "	45
Vincent C. Bassett	" "	45
W. Allen	" "	4 00
C. H. Cahoon	" "	40

Paid for labor at East Harwich fire, near schoolhouse, June 1, 2, 1903, under direction of A. S. Crowell, deputy fireward:

Chas. Holmes, for	15 hours' labor at 20c.,	3 00
Fred Nickerson,	12 " "	2 40
Chas. Holmes,	5 " "	1 00

Paid Columbia Eldredge,	12	hours'	labor at 20c.,	$2 40
Darius Nickerson,	5	"	"	1 00
T. K. Stearns,	13	"	"	2 60
S. L. Moore,	3	"	"	60
Ziba Cahoon,	3	"	"	60
W. J. Nickerson,	2	"	"	40
Geo. Parker,	3	"	"	60
Ermin Jerauld,	2	"	"	40
Zedda Nickerson,	5	"	"	1 00
Sparrow M. Young,	5	"	"	1 00
Bert Higgins,	4	"	"	80
David Bassett,	4	"	"	80
Louis Robbins,	2	"	"	40
Joshua Ryder,	3	"	"	60
Edgar Nickerson,	13	"	"	2 60
Anthoney S. Crowell,	30	"	"	6 00
Alfred Bassett,	14	"	"	2 80
Will Crowell,	13	"	"	2 60
James Buffam,	18	"	"	3 60
Geo. Nickerson,	13	"	"	2 60
Chas. Nickerson,	3	"	"	60
Lewis Rogers,	13	"	"	2 60
Arthur N. Kenney,	9	"	"	1 80
Carrol Doane,	14	"	"	2 80
Bertie Nickerson,	8	"	"	1 60
Winnie Higgins,	9	"	"	1 80
Ernest Nickerson,	12	"	"	2 40
John Smith,	9	"	"	1 80
Chas. Eldredge,	6	"	"	1 20
Thomas Kenney,	6	"	"	1 20
Isaac Kendrick,	10	"	"	2 00
Alonzo Kendrick,	11	"	"	2 20
Freeman Rogers,	13	"	"	2 60
Wm. H. Doane,	8	"	"	1 60
Everett Doane,	2	"	"	40
Heman Chase,	2	"	"	40
Oscar Eldredge,	2	"	"	40
Edward Mullen,	2	"	"	40
Winfield Kendrick,	2	"	"	40

Paid John Glindon,	2 hours' labor at 20c.,	40
Orick Chase,	2 " "	40
Byron Small,	2 " "	40
Wilbur Crowell,	2 " "	40
Joseph Nickerson,	2 " "	40
Waldron Bearse,	2 " "	40
Albert Crowell,	2 " "	40
Bennie Buck,	2 " "	40
N. Cahoon,	2 " "	40
Nat. Nickerson,	2 " "	40
Frank Robbins,	2 " "	40
A. E. Crowell, deputy, 35 hours at 25c.,		$8 75
Wilbur Crowell, for team,		1 50
J. Nickerson, "		1 00
Anthoney E. Crowell, for team,		1 50
F. M. Eldredge, for 6 hours' labor at 20c.,		1 20
Manuel Antone, for 9 hours' labor at 20c.,		1 80
L. B. Doane, for watching fire at Harwich Port, July 20, 1903,		2 50
Lorenzo F. Doane, for watching fire at Harwich Port, July 20, 1903,		2 50
Freeman W. Cahoon, for services as fire warden 1903,		5 55
		$105 50
Paid for labor at railroad fire, S. Harwich, April 23, 1903,		4 65
Labor at railroad fire, N. Harwich, May 2, 1903,		5 50
Labor at railroad fire, N. Harwich, May 23, 1903,		7 35
Labor at railroad fire, N. Harwich crossing, June 2, 1903,		4 53
Labor at railroad fire, S. Harwich, June 3 and 4, 1903,		111 30
Food furnished men while fighting fire set by railroad engine, June 3,		9 65

Paid Edwin B. Rogers and others, for labor at railroad fire at N. Harwich, July 4, 1903,			$4 20
Expended,			$252 68
Appropriated,		$30 00	
Exceeded the appropriation	$222 68		
To be refunded by railroad,	147 18		

TREE WARDEN.

Appropriation $10.00

Paid Freeman W. Cahoon, warden for labor Aug. 10, 4 hours' labor, trimming trees, at 25c.,	1 00
Aug. 13, 3½ hours' labor, trimming trees, at 25c.,	87
Sept. 4, 7½ hours' labor, trimming trees, at 25c.,	1 88
Sept. 5, 9½ hours' labor, trimming trees at 25c.,	2 38
Expended,	$6 13
Unexpended,	$3 87

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Appropriation $50.00

Paid vaccination expense as follows:	
To Louis Edmunds, M. D., for services to Frank Nunis,	25
" Manuel Pena,	1 00
Paid to B. D. Eldredge, for services	
" Manuel Ramos,	50
" Emma Pena,	50
" Mary Silva,	50
" Jessie Lomba,	50
" Harry Ramos,	50
" Janey Silva,	50

Paid to J. P. Nickerson, M. D., for services	
" Laura Fernands,	50
" Mamie Lesser,	50
Paid J. P. Nickerson, M. D., for medical attention, supplies and disinfectants furnished to the family of Mrs. Catha R. Simmons, case of infectious disease,	$19 20
Expended,	$24 45
Unexpended, $25.55	

HENRY C. BROOKS SCHOOL MEDAL FUND.

Cr. by deposit and interest,	$1,112 54
Paid for school medals, 1903,	41 10
C. C. F. C. S. Bank. Bal. on deposit,	$1,071 44

STATE HIGHWAY MACADAM CONSTRUCTION.

Concluded from time loan made for the year 1902.

Paid to Wm. Sears, contractor, per order of the Massachusetts State Highway Commission, $1,800 00. The above mentioned sum is the final payment on the part of the Town of Harwich to conclude the arrangement made between the Board of Selectmen and the Massachusetts State Highway Commission, whereby it was agreed on the part of said town that the sum of $3,600 00 would be allotted and placed under certain conditions, subject to the order of said commission for the purpose of aiding in macadamizing the unfinished part of the south county road between Harwichport and the Chatham line. It is with great pleasure that we are able to report that said agreement has been concluded and the road now stands completed, we trust, to the satisfaction of the people. The final report of macadam expend-

iture under the time loan of $10,000 voted to be raised at the February town meeting of the year 1902 to which the additional sum of $800 was raised at a special town meeting held in the month of August, 1902, is as follows:

Time loan appropriation raised Feb. 1902,		$10,000 00
Appropriation voted at special town meeting,		800 00
		$10,800 00
Net amount expended for P. L. and Harwich Centre construction of 1902,	$7,358 04	
Paid for H. Port construction 1902,	1,800 00	
" " " " in 1903,	1,800 00	
	$10,958 04	

Exceeded appropriations $158.04

IRON BRIDGE.

Appropriation $500.

Paid note No. 7, $500 00

MACADAM LOAN OF 1900.

Paid note No. 3, $500 00

Appropriation $1,000.00

MACADAM LOAN OF 1902.

Paid on loan, note 1, $700 00

Balance $300 on this payment, now due.

Appropriation $1,000.00

MACADAM LOAN FOR YEAR 1903.

Paid note No. 1 on loan, $1,000 00

Appropriation $1,000.00

SHELL ROAD LOAN FOR YEAR 1903.

Appropriation $1,000.00

Paid note No. 1,	$1,000 00

REPAIRING AND WORKING ROAD AT EAST HARWICH.

Special appropriation $1,000.00

Paid David A. Eldredge and others per contract, for working 110 rods (length) at $3 25 per rod,	$357 50
Extra labor,	25
Paid Arthur N. Kenney, per contract, for working 210 rods (length) at $2 95 per rod,	619 50
A. N. Kenney, for extra labor outside of contract,	20 00
	$997 25

Unexpended $2.75

EAST HARWICH SHELL ROAD CONSTRUCTION.

Time loan. Appropriation $5,000.00

Paid for telephone and telegrams, and traveling expense,	$11 00
Arthur F. Cahoon, for line,	50
Alpheus Howes, for supplies,	1 65
Sears L. Moore, " "	80
Rinaldo Eldredge, road machine,	12 20
J. M. Moody, lumber for spouts,	3 72
Bolles & Wilde Co., for shovels,	4 50
B. Bolles & Co., for shell forks,	4 21
Chas. Allen, repairs on roller,	5 25
Manuel Jason, for loam,	76
Est. J. Buck, for loam,	76
E. Nickerson, engineer on steam roller,	7 75

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Paid Geo. Gegner & Co., for 1,025 tons oyster shells, at $1 per ton,	$1,025 00	
Freight on shells, N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co.,	2,566 18	
		$3,644 28

LABOR.

Paid A. F. Nickerson, man and horses,	$246 50	
Wm. F. Crapo, " "	28 16	
Wm. Phillips, " "	12 43	
Nathan Walker, " "	29 92	
Ev. B. Mecarta, " "	65 01	
Geo. Mecarta, " "	61 23	
Geo. Kendrick, " "	38 05	
Silmon Smith, " "	8 31	
Arthur N. Kenney, "	69 28	
W. C. Higgins, " "	42 03	
Jabez Crowell, " "	35 01	
Joshua G. Ryder, 2d, "	21 08	
Freeman E. Ellis, " "	31 03	
Barney Taylor, " "	22 55	
Richard McGran, " "	5 30	
Rufus Small, " "	2 15	
Jonathan Burgess, " "	17 15	
Wm. P. Nichols, " "	10 50	
Vincent Bassett, " "	4 55	
Nathan B. Walker, " "	8 50	
Herbert W. Bassett, "	9 98	
Joseph P. Clark, " "	35	
Chas. H. Taylor, " "	15 00	
Wm. A. Nickerson, "	14 80	
Thomas Harriman " "	35	
Albyron Ellis, " "	25 85	
Ernest Nickerson, " "	15 75	
Edgar Nickerson, " "	4 50	
Ephraim Bassett, " "	11 15	
Alexander Chase, " "	6 50	
J. D. Nickerson, " "	6 35	
U. D. Phillips, " "	10 00	
David A. Eldredge, "	10 00	

Paid A. E. Weekes, horse,			$9 83	
Antone Lomba,	labor,	man,	33 10	
Irving Eldredge,	"	"	32 80	
James S. Baker,	"	"	31 40	
Simeon Nickerson,	"	"	19 90	
Ralph Kelley,	"	"	43 30	
Ralph Ellis,	"	"	30 70	
Milton Small,	"	"	40 30	
Wm. E. Barnes,	"	"	53 40	
Carl Ellis,	"	"	39 10	
Nathan A. Ellis,	"	"	1 50	
Prince Bassett,	"	"	21 90	
Allie Chase,	"	"	12 40	
Clarington Nickerson,		"	11 70	
Jalias S. Nickerson,	"	"	9 80	
Wm. Chase,	"	"	4 00	
Chester Baker,	"	"	1 20	
Frank M. Eldredge,	"	"	19 20	
Lewis Rogers,	"	"	26 80	
Henry Gorms,	"	"	13 40	
Freeman H. Rogers,	"	"	9 00	
F. W. Nickerson,	"	"	13 70	
Chas. Hutchins,	"	"	1 40	
Cornelius Eldredge,	"	"	5 30	
Manuel Jason,	"	"	1 00	
Edward Kelley,	"	"	90	
Manuel Antone,	"	"	3 40	
Lewis Nunis,	"	"	3 50	
Ernest Small,	"	"	3 10	
Merton Bassett,	"	"	80	
				$1,387 15
Total amount expended,				$5,031 43
Cr. by rebate on freight charges,			$220 70	
1 shovel sold,			60	
			$221 30	

Net cost, $4,810.13

Length of road constructed 1½ miles

Sundries 53.10 - less [illegible] 52.50
[illegible] 1025.00 1025.
Freight. 2566.18 rebate 2345.4
Labor 1387.15 1387.15
$5031.43 4810.12

MACADAM ROAD CONSTRUCTION.

Pleasant Lake Loan Appropriation of Year 1903, $2,000.00

Paid U. D. Phillips and others, for Macadam contract for 265 cubic yards hardening, at 50c. per yard,	$132 50
For 2,790 square yards shaping, at 3c. per yard,	83 70
For 678 tons broken stone, at $2.75 per ton,	1,864 50
For 1 catch basin, (stone work,)	10 00
For 22 feet, 8 inch drain pipe, at 10c. per foot,	2 20
Amount of contract,	$2,092 90
Paid board for surveyors,	5 50
For survey stakes and horse hire,	3 50
Iron casting, for catch basin,	9 00
Ad. P. L. road closed,	3 75
Expended,	$2,114 65
Exceeded Appropriation, $114 65	

Length of road constructed at Pleasant Lake, approximately 2,090 feet; width 12 feet; depth of stone laid down 4 inches.

BANK STREET MACADAM ROAD CONSTRUCTION.

Loan Appropriation of year 1903. Amount $2,000.00

Paid U. D. Phillips and others, for macadam contract, for 156 cubic yards of hardening, at 75c. per yard,	$117 00
For 2,142 square yards of shaping, at 3c. per yard,	64 26
For 601 tons of broken stone, $2.15 per ton,	1,292 15
Amount of macadam contract,	$1,473 41

Paid C. H. Taylor and others, for contract for reducing the bed of Moody's Hill road,	$280 00
For surveyor's expense,	5 50
Sledge handle,	35
A. P. Goss, for ad. road,	1 50
W. B. Kelley, lumber for stakes,	2 13
James M. Moody, for lime and cement,	2 12
E. E. Bassett, for sawing stakes,	1 00

Paid for extra labor on sidewalks, entrances to yards, road bed, etc.:

To Clarington Nickerson,	labor,	$7 00	
J. S. Nickerson,	"	20 00	
Harry Eldredge,	"	5 00	
Wm. Chase,	"	5 00	
James Small,	"	7 00	
Chas. H. Taylor and horse,	"	33 50	
David A. Eldredge, and horse,		48 00	
U. D. Phillips,		17 50	
Abner Long,	"	42 00	
Nehemiah E. Nickerson, labor,		13 00	
Levi Snow, and horse,		27 50	
Ernest Walker, labor,		12 00	
Spencer Ellis,		18 60	
Ziba Hunt, mason labor,		3 75	
B. F. Bee, 111 loads loam,		5 50	
			265 35
Expended,			$2,031 36
Exceeded appropriation,	$31.36		

Length of road constructed on Bank street, approximately 1,285 feet; width, 15 feet. Depth of stone in centre of road 5 inches; depth of stone on sides of road 4 inches.

MASSACHUSETTS STATE HIGHWAY REPAIR FUND.

Appropriation $130.00

Paid by Town Treasurer in settlement with state amount of warrant,	$126 40

Unexpended $3.60

SUMMARY.

Expenditures for macadam and shell road construction, also general repairs on roads, bridges, railings, etc., for which taxable appropriations were made for the year 1903, as follows:

Expended for general repairs on roads,	$928 45
" " " " " bridges,	136 14
" " " " " railings,	142 04
Repairs on South Harwich road, special appropriation,	130 25
" " East Harwich road, special appropriation,	997 25
" " Massachusetts state highway,	126 40
Paid on iron bridge loan, note No. 7,	500 00
" Macadam loan, note No. 3, year 1900,	500 00
" Macadam loan, note No. 1, year 1902,	700 00
" Macadam loan, note No. 1, year 1903,	1,000 00
" Shell road loan, note No. 1, year 1903,	1,000 00
" Interest on loans, estimated,	480 00
Expenditures,	$6,640 53

OUTSTANDING LOANS, MADE FOR BRIDGE AND ROAD CONSTRUCTION.

Due on Iron Bridge Loan,	$500 00
" " Macadam Loan, year of 1900,	500 00
" " " " " 1902,	9,300 00
" " " " " 1903,	3,000 00
" " Shell Road " " 1903,	4,000 00
	$17,300 00

EXCHANGE BUILDING REPAIR FUND.

Amount presented by Col. Caleb Chase for repairs on Exchange building,	$500 00
Credit, balance from receipts of concert and dance,	73 90
	$573 90

Dr.

Paid Gilbert & Barker Mfg. Co., for repairs, machinery, fittings, and labor on gas plant, gasoline, oil, etc.,	$313 49
Board for Boston workmen,	15 00
Miron W. Rogers, for labor on machinery, repairs on gas fittings, other labor and supplies,	47 93
Alpheus Howes, for hinges, hardware, and other supplies,	21 59
John Handren, for setting w. glass,	5 25
Joshua F. Tobey, for paint, oil, and supplies,	20 44
Leston & Jasper Small, for carpenter labor,	18 12
Gustavus C. Robbins, paint stock and labor,	40 24
Fred. H. Chase, for labor,	13 20
Gasoline,	11 97
Geo. Lewis, stock and labor on tin roof,	34 47
Sundry freight bills,	5 57
Bassett Bros., repairs on B. sidewalk,	1 50
Cyrus Ellis, for labor,	90
John H. Drum, for supplies and telephone expense,	8 65
Richard Melaney, for labor,	2 00
Nathan Walker and others, for teaming,	3 50
Expended,	$563 82

FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE TOWN OF HARWICH,

JANUARY 11, 1904.

RESOURCES.

Cash balance in Treasurer's hands at time of settlement,		$2,524 60
State aid to be refunded,		1,617 00
Cr. balance due from Poor Department,		97 20
Rent from Herring Brook,		625 00
From State, for cattle inspection,		25 00
Refunded from medical examination,		20 80
From N. Y., N. H. & H. R. Road Co., on account of fires,		147 18
From Electric Road expense,		7 00
Uncollected taxes of W. Section, C. Kelley, Col.:		
Due from taxes of year 1901,	$4 66	
" " " " 1902,	760 26	
" " " " 1903,	4,024 00	
		4,788 92
From East Section, Allen S. Megathlin, Col.:		
Due from taxes of year 1901,	$14 31	
" " " " 1902,	642 07	
" " " " 1903,	3,812 17	
		4,468 55
Dwelling house at North Harwich,		50 00
Total credit,		$14,371 25

LIABILITIES.

Outstanding State Aid orders,	$ 18 00
Balance due on Iron Bridge Loan note,	500 00
" " Macadam loan of year 1900,	500 00
" " " " " 1902,	9,300 00
" " " " " 1903,	3,000 00
" " Shell Road " " 1903,	4,000 00

Premium on tax collections, warrants, for the years of 1902 and 1903,	$1,006 69
Estimated abatements,	600 00
Total liabilities,	$18,924 69
Deficiency $4,553.44	

HARWICH, Jan. 11, 1904.

This is to certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts and find the same correct.

Signed,

JAMES M. MOODY, *Auditor.*

RECAPITULATION.

	Expenditures.	*Appropriations and other amounts.*
Paid for support of poor in almshouse,	$1,106 91	$1,000 00
Outside poor,	950 44	1,200 00
Poor of other towns,	22 54	
State paupers,	40 00	
Miscellaneous expenses,	774 35	830 00
Gen. repairs on roads,	928 45	1,000 00
Clearing snow,	126 14	100 00
Repairing bridges,	136 14	200 00
" railings,	142 04	100 00
Spec. So. Harwich road,	130 25	125 00
Town officers,	1,596 64	1,600 00
Med. Examination,	20 80	
Election officers,	45 75	40 00
School expenses and supt. salary,	8,135 85	6,535 00
Spec. appro. E. Harwich road,	997 25	1,000 00
Herring River improvement,	129 91	100 00
Board of health,	24 45	50 00
Soldiers' relief,	1 00	
Inspection of animals,	50 00	30 00

Paid Tax abatements,	$478 48	$350 00
Tax adjustment,	10 50	
Shipwrecked seamen,	8 20	
Iron bridge loan note 7,	500 00	500 00
Macadam loan note of 1900,	500 00	500 00
" " " " 1902,	700 00	1,000 00
" " " " 1903,	1,000 00	1,000 00
Shell road " " " "	1,000 00	1,000 00
Firewards,	252 68	30 00
Tree warden,	6 13	10 00
Interest account,	524 83	700 00
E. road expense,	7 00	
Exchange Building R. fund,	563 82	
Broadbrooks library,	150 00	150 00
Insurance account,	145 25	50 00
Old Home Week,	50 00	50 00
State Highway construction,	1,800 00	
Oyster shell road, " 1903,	5,031 43	
Macadam road construction 1903,	4,146 01	
Painting school houses, etc.,	380 71	500 00
County tax,	1,002 33	
Amt. of town orders drawn,	$33,616 28	
State Aid " "	1,617 00	1,665 00
State Highway, repair expense, paid by town treasurer,	126 40	130 00
		$21,545 00
Credit bal. in favor of appro.,	360 95	
	$35,720 63	
Items available to be credited to appropriation column:		
School credits ouside of town appropriations,		1,357 81
Rebate on oyster shells and other reimbursements,		581 13

35360 28

Macadam loan construction, account of 1903,	$4,000 00
Shell road " " "	5,000 00
Exchange hall, repair fund,	573 90
State highway, bal. of $3,600, allotment year 1902,	1,641 96
County tax, no appropriation,	1,002 33
Other amounts expended for which no appropriation was made,	18 50
	$35,720 63

We the undersigned, do herein conclude our report in detail of the various financial expenditures in each department under our supervision.

Respectfully submitted,

AMBROSE N. DOANE,
JOSEPH K. ROBBINS,
JOHN H. DRUM,

Selectmen of Harwich.

Electric Road Franchise.

In regard to the petition of the Sandwich, Hyannis and Chatham Street Railway Co., dated Jan. 6, 1903, and asking for location of railway tracks of said company upon and over certain highways in the Town of Harwich as prayed for in said petition, notice of the time and place at which the Board of Selectmen would consider said petition, having been given by publication in the "Harwich Independent" in its issue of Jan. 14 and 21, A. D., 1903:

A public hearing was held in Social Hall, Harwichport, on Jan. 28, of said month, where the officials of said Street Railway Company appeared, and presented their arguments why said petition should be granted, giving all interested citizens present, an opportunity to determine the possibilities, probabilities or advantages of such railway construction should said location be granted by the Board of Selectmen.

The line of location as petitioned for is as follows:

"Beginning at the boundary line between the towns of Harwich and Dennis, on the south County road, thence over said road easterly, through the village of West Harwich to Harwichport. From Main street, Harwichport, over Bank street to Harwich Centre, thence easterly over Main street and down through the village of South Harwich to the Chatham line.

Later on the Directors of said Street Railway Company presented to the Board of Selectmen a surveyor's plan in detail of the proposed location, and the same was made

public at a hearing in the Satucket Club building, at Harwichport where the route, as laid down in plan and some needed changes in said proposed location was carefully considered in detail by officials of the Railway Co. and the Board of Selectmen, also many citizens who were present. In considering this question of location over the south County road, the fact that said road was laid out 40 feet in width and for a considerable part of the way, sidewalks were constructed on both sides, that could not be well interfered with. Also that the Massachusetts State Highway Commission had already constructed a macadam road 15 feet wide along through the centre of said road for a considerable part of its length and had the balance of said road under consideration for further macadam construction. Also that many citizens living along said route were much interested in the matter, made it quite necessary to give careful attention to the many conflicting interests before the proposed location could be granted to said company on the part of the Town of Harwich.

After giving the matter careful attention, and ascertaining so far as possible, the purpose of the Massachusetts State Highway Commission under existing conditions, it was decided to grant said petition for location of tracks over the proposed route with such changes and modifications as were seemingly best suited to all parties concerned.

On the 3d day of September, 1903, the Board of Selectmen signed a franchise of location to the Sandwich, Hyannis and Chatham Street Railway Co., the terms of which are much too lengthy to enter here in detail, but the conditions under which said franchise was given are of such nature that the interests of the town have been carefully looked after, should said company in the near future, construct and carry into operation the proposed enterprise.

To all interested citizens we would give notice that a copy of said franchise is on file at the Selectmen's office. Also a detailed plan of the proposed route, and can be inspected at any reasonable time by application to the town officials.

Respectfully submitted,

AMBROSE N. DOANE,
JOSEPH K. ROBBINS,
JOHN H. DRUM,

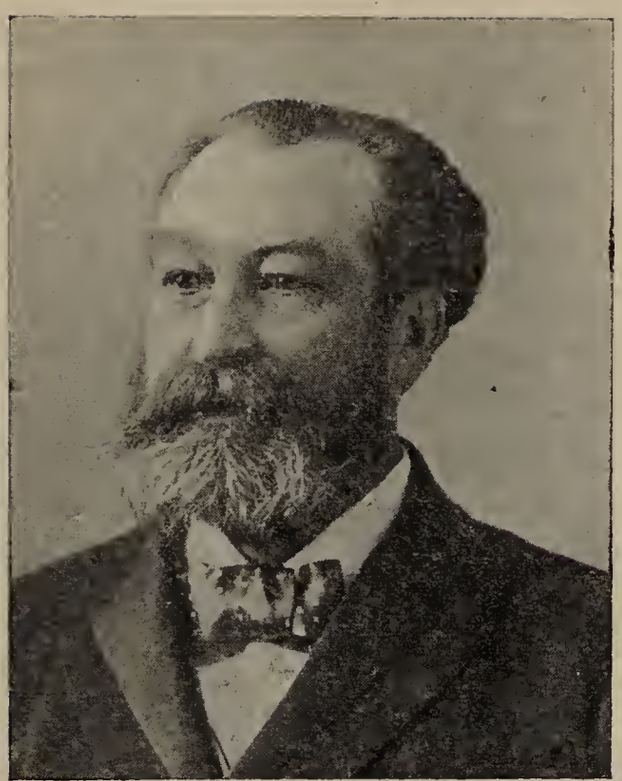
Selectmen of Harwich.

EXCHANGE BUILDING.

The report of the Town of Harwich for the year 1903 would be most incomplete without some special reference was made to one of the most important events that has happened to our town within its history for many years. The observance of said occasion marked a time which no doubt will be long remembered by our people with just appreciation, for on Dec. 25, 1903, was presented to the inhabitants of Harwich a deed bearing the date of Nov. 12, 1903, the conditions of which placed in their possession the entire Exchange property, free from all conditions or incumbrances, as a Christmas gift to his native town, from Col. Caleb Chase, of Brookline. By this most generous act of Col. Chase, supplemented by the additional gift of $500 for further improvements, our town's people are now in possession of one of the finest country town halls in Southeastern Massachusetts, and they are assured for future

years the best of accommodations for large public or social gatherings, and so long as this noble structure shall stand a conspicuous landmark in our town it should remind our people of the public spirit of its founder, Mr. Chester Snow, and the broad generosity of Col. Chase, who has placed said building within our keeping as an additional kindly remembrance of his love and good will to his place of birth.

Incident to the transfer of this property to the town, a committee was appointed to receive the deed of the same, and to draft a set of resolutions to be presented to Col. Chase, as a token of the appreciation the citizens felt for his timely gift. Also to have said resolutions spread upon our town records. This committee have attended to their duty, and we also have incorporated said resolutions in this report, which are as follows:



COL. CALEB CHASE.

RESOLUTIONS ON GIFT OF THE EXCHANGE PROPERTY BY CALEB CHASE, Esq.

Whereas—It has pleased Col. Caleb Chase to give to the Town of Harwich, the edifice and premises known as the "Exchange property, including the furniture and fixtures of the Exchange theatre," together with the sum of five hundred dollars to be used in repair thereof, and,

Whereas—In times past, Col. Chase has very frequently and generously given his time and money for the improvement of roads, harbors and for promoting other public enterprises, thereby aiding greatly to the well being and prosperity of his native town; therefore, be it

Resolved—By the Inhabitants of the Town of Harwich, in meeting assembled, on this 25th day of Dec., A. D., 1903, that they are truly grateful for the many beneficent

acts of Col. Chase; and that they have great pride in regarding him as the town's most prominent son and its greatest public benefactor.

Resolved—That the generosity shown by Col. Chase in his gifts, and the wisdom displayed in applying them should be held up to our youth as an example to encourage and stimulate them to take an active interest in all matters pertaining to public welfare.

Resolved—Also, that a copy of these Resolutions be furnished Col. Chase; that they be published at least, in one issue of the Harwich Independent; and, that the Resolutions, together with an account of the doings of this meeting be made by the Town Clerk, a part of the town records.

Committee on Resolutions,

WATSON B. KELLEY,
ERASTUS CHASE,
FREEMAN RYDER,
SAMUEL SMALL,
DARIUS M. NICKERSON, Jr.

AMBROSE N. DOANE,
JOSEPH K. ROBBINS,
JOHN H. DRUM,

Selectmen of Harwich.

Treasurer's Report.

N. C. Underwood, in account with Town of Harwich:

Dr.

Balance Town funds, Jan. 12, 1903,		$1,777 98	
Mary Jane's fund,		200 00	
			$1,977 98
Received from State Treasurer:			
Corporation Tax,	$1,246 55		
National Bank Tax,	297 31		
State Aid,	1,669 00		
State Paupers,	165 06		
Burial, Paupers,	15 00		
State Board of Charity,	44 00		
Inspection Animals,	25 00		
Income Mass. School Fund,	426 34		
		3,888 26	
Received from City of Boston:			
Overseers Poor,	6 21		
School supplies,	52 00		
		58 21	
Town Brewster, Mrs. J. Walker,		2 03	
City Brockton, F. N. Smith,		75 17	
Rent South Harwich School Hall,		4 00	
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., account fire,		4 00	
Received from C. C. F. C. Savings Bank:			
1903.			
April 30 Note, Shell Road,	3,500 00		

Temporary Loan

May 29	Note, Short Loan,	$1,500 00		
June 9	Note, Macadam road, 1903,	1,000 00		
July 1	Note, Macadam road, 1903,	2,000 00		
Nov. 30	Note, Shell road,	1,500 00		
1904				
Jan. 1	Note, Macadam road, 1902,	3,000 00		
Jan. 1	Note, Macadam road, 1903,	1,000 00		
			$13,500 00	
	Board, Lewis Phillips,		48 00	
	Second District Court,		36 29	
	Returned for glass, (schoolhouse)		25	
	Poor House, cow,		20 00	
	Herring River fishery,		625 00	
	Rebate, Supt's salary,		677 07	
				$18,938 28
	Licenses:			
	G. F. Ellis,	$2 00		
	A. H. Woodhouse,	2 00		
	F. H. Long,	8 00		
	A. N. Doane,	2 00		
	A. S. Cole,	8 00		
	N. B. Walker,	1 00		
	E. L. Ellis,	1 00		
	F. B. Tripp,	2 00		
			26 00	
	Bank tax,		4,000 00	

Weights and measures,		$22 83	
Shell Road, rebate freight,		220 71	
Shell Road, shovel,		60	
A. N. Doane, telephone,		45	
Repair fund, Exchange building,		573 90	
Rent, Exchange building,		59 34	
County Treasurer, dog fund,		203 26	
Received from Coleman Kelley, Collector:			
1900,	$47 96		
1901,	848 61		
1902,	2,783 68		
1903,	6,084 12		
		9,764 37	
Received from Allen S. Megathlin:			
1900,	$32 16		
1901,	860 71		
1902,	2,630 28		
1903,	4,497 35		
		8,020 50	22,891 96
			$43,808 22

N. C. Underwood, in account with Town of Harwich:

Cr.

Outstanding orders, 1902,	$12 69
Town orders, 1903,	33,616 28
State aid,	1,599 00
State tax,	1,075 00
National Bank tax,	2,952 18
Repairs, State highway,	126 40
Note, C. C. F. C. Savings Bank, short loan,	1,500 00
Insurance,	45 00
Dog license, constable fees,	7 00

Dog license blanks,	$2 50	
Mary Jane's lot,	3 00	
District court,	84 41	
Death returns,	11 50	
Birth returns,	12 75	
Justice fees,	7 50	
Express,	5 15	
Stamps and postal cards,	17 18	
Recording deed exchange,	67	
Stationery,	5 41	
		$41,083 62
Balance, Jan. 11, 1904,		2,724 60
		$43,808 22
Balance Town funds,	$2,524 60	
Mary Jane's fund,	200 00	
		$2,724 60

Notes paid, Town Order 548:

1903			
Dec. 1	Paid on Macadam road, 1902,	$700 00	
1904			
Jan. 1	Paid on Macadam road, 1903,	1,000 00	
	Paid on Shell road,	1,000 00	
Jan. 6	Paid on Iron bridge,	500 00	
	Paid on Macadam road, 1900,	500 00	
			$3,700 00

Interest account, Town Order 547:

Interest on $7,000 loan, 1902,	$280 00	
Interest on Bridge and Macadam, 1900,	75 00	
Interest on Shell road,	107 50	
Interest on Macadam, 1903 and short loan,	62 33	
		$524 83

We, the undersigned, a committee appointed by the Town to settle with the Treasurer, have attended to our duty and find the same correct.

AMBROSE N. DOANE,
JAMES M. MOODY,

January 11, 1904. *Committee.*

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT OF BIRTHS

Recorded in Harwich in the year 1903.

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	NAME OF PARENTS
1902		
Feb. 7	Geneva Bearse Nunes	Peter and Mary Nunes
11	Anthony Saunders	James and Iora Saunders
Mch. 7	Nicholas Lopes	John and Rose Nunes Lopes
28	Caroline Rose	Manuel and Annie Rose
29	Edwin Monteiro	Lewis Nunes and Mary Neves Monteiro
May 16	Eva Monteiro	Cæsar and Jenny Monteiro
June 18	Lena Rose	Gideon and Katherine Rose
18	Justina Gonsalves	Albert and Mary Gonsalves
July 13	Laura Pena	Frank and Angeline Pena
15	Mary Fernand	John and Emelia Fernand
Aug. 21	Female	Illegitimate
28	Joseph Fernand	Frank and Jenny Fernand
31	Laura Frances Pena	Manuel and Emma Pena
Sept. 18	Margaret Gomes	John and Jenny Gomes
Nov. 3	Joseph Nunes	Frank and Emelia Nunes
Dec. 9	Benjamin Gomes	Manuel and Fannie Gomes
19	Rose	John and Amelia Rose
1903		
Jan. 4	Stella Cohen (Twins)	Jacob S. and Marcella Cohen
4	Stanley Lewis Cohen (Twins)	Jacob S. and Marcella Cohen
7	Reese Brentford Lothrop	Charles E. and Addie Lothrop
23	Doris Mertis Cahoon	Clenric H. and Mertis Cahoon
23	Pena	Manuel J. and Emma F. Pena
Feb. 7	Levi Frank Long, Jr.	Levi Frank and Nellie F. Long
10	(Stillborn) Lomba	Antone J. and Julia V. Lomba
14	Mary Andrade	John Soita and Lichandenha Andrade
Mch. 22	David Lomba	Manuel and Gertrude Lomba
24	Dorcas Frances Olsen Ellis	Ralph B. and Sarah G. Ellis
26	Laura Neves Leighton	Manuel Neves and Carolina Leighton
27	Meta Gomes	Gideon and Marion Gomes
Apr. 13	Ina Sparrow Bassett	Sherman F. and Eunice C. Bassett
May 5	Gladys Ramona Newcomb	Willis C. and Lena S. Newcomb
18	Lee	John B. and Mary J. Lee
June 21	Roy Lomba	John and Domingo Lomba
July 7	Lesser	Frank and Flora Lesser
16	Peres	Albert and Angelina Peres
31	Lydia Nickerson	Darius M. Jr. and Emeline Nickerson
31	Zebina Horton Eldredge	Harry B. and Laura Eldredge
31	Elwood Stephen Chase	Sidney A. and Orinda J. Chase

—Not reported last year.—

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	NAME OF PARENTS
1903		
Aug. 1	Martha Anna Santiago	Joseph Peter and Anna Santiago
4	James Ramos	Joseph L. and Julia Ramos
7	Baptiste Fernand	Domingo and Anna Fernand
Sept. 2	Sabina Viera	Peter and Rosie Viera
24	Lottie Pena	Manuel A. and Marion Pena
30	John Joseph Monteiro	Lewis Numes and Mary Neves Monteiro
Oct. 2	Flora Lena Bassett	Wilbur Freeman and Bertha Eltha Bassett
18	Ruth Silva	John and Domingo Silva
Nov. 23	Emery	Frank H. and Florence B. Emery
Dec. 4	Nickerson	Ernest L. and Ruth H. Nickerson
12	Ramos	Antone and Balbina Ramos
13	Holmes	Charles D. and Eunice Holmes
17	Phillips	Benj. B. and Mary A. Phillips

No Portuguese births were reported last year therefore the list is larger this year.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT OF MARRIAGES

Recorded in Harwich in the year 1903.

DATE	NAMES OF PARTIES	AGE	RESIDENCE
Jan. 19	John B. Grew	22	Falmouth
	Jessie Chase	22	N. Harwich
29	James W. Cummings	24	W. Harwich
	Laura S. Baker	25	W. Harwich
April 18	William Gomes	29	Pleasant Lake
	Rosa Monteiro	19	N. Harwich
May 2	Querino Ledo	48	Harwich
	Mary Barrow	59	Harwich
5	Alonzo Nickerson	32	E. Harwich
	Nettie A. Hopkins	24	Truro
11	Theodore A. Grant	28	Harwichport
	Florence A. Nickerson	19	Harwich
June 3	Cristian Peric	45	Harwich
	Lena Perie	39	Harwich
July 13	John Perie	25	Harwich
	Mary Silva	18	Harwich
Aug. 1	Fred Emerson Swift	19	Middleboro
	Lottie Irene Wixon	23	Harwich
? 15	Richard E. Gray, Jr.	26	N. Harwich
	Myron Sears	22	E. Dennis

DATE	NAMES OF PARTIES	AGE	RESIDENCE
Aug. 17	William Rose	23	Pleasant Lake
	Julia Gonsalves	23	Pleasant Lake
19	Manuel F. Almeida	22	S. Dennis
	Philomena Monteiro	19	N. Harwich
27	Joseph L. Butler	57	Harwich
	Letitia P. Overbaugh	58	Pleasant Lake
Oct. 8	Elwyn Wallace Bates	21	N. Harwich
	Susie Marion Chase	19	N. Harwich
14	William H. Ellis	23	E. Dennis
	Jennie Etta Gross	38	Worcester
29	Albert Crandall Chase	24	S. Dennis
	Bertha Raymond Howes	24	Dennisport
Nov. 5	Nathan E. Harding	41	W. Chatham
	Mary Pauline Gorham	39	S. Harwich
11	Arthur M. Ellis	25	Harwichport
	Ethel M. Allen	18	Harwichport
21	John G. Gomes	25	Harwich
	Henrietta Montiero	23	Harwich
28	John Grace	25	Harwich
	Isabel Lopes	20	Harwich
30	Samuel Everett Eldredge	22	E. Harwich
	Rose Mae Eldredge	24	Pleasant Lake

DATE	NAMES OF PARTIES	AGE	RESIDENCE
Dec. 2	Merselin Dias	27	Pleasant Lake
	Jocaquiana de Lomba	28	Pleasant Lake
27	Frank Lesser	35	N. Harwich
	Florentina Crossman	26	N. Harwich

Marriages performed by Revs. C. H. Rowley, 5; John H. Cox, 4; D. E. Doran, 3; C. A. Bradley, C. E. Delamater, J. A. Wood, S. Nichols, E. E. Williams, W. T. Carter, E. A. Chase, L. B. Bates, 1 each; Town Clerks, Watson F. Baker, 1; N. C. Underwood, 2.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT OF DEATHS

Recorded in Harwich in the year 1903.

DATE		NAME OF DECEASED	AGE			CAUSE OF DEATH
			Y.	M.	D.	
Jan.	2	Betsey Kingman Paine	90	11		Old Age
	4	Mary E. Allen	66		11	Cerebral Hemorrhage
	8	Eleanor Doane	77	5	11	Heart Failure
	11	Polly F. Kelley	69	11	26	Cancer
	12	Esther Eldredge	90	6		Old Age
	18	Freeman E Burgess	66	1	14	Angina Pectoris
	31	Amelia S. Bee	73		9	Pneumonia
	31	Isaac Long	82	11	16	Old Age
Feb.	1	Edwin F. Ryder	41		8	Heart Failure
	8	Infant (Walker)			11	Icterus Monatorum
	11	Ruth N. Smith	75	8	13	Old Age
	12	Susan C. Brooks	59	5	8	Acute Endocarditis
	14	Infant (Corea)		1	20	Bronchitis
	16	Augustus Peters	42			Heart Failure
	21	Hannah D. Kelley	75	2	27	Senility
	24	Stephen Bassett	74	4	13	Broncho Pneumonia
	27	Elisha Snow		8		Nephritis
	28	Mary Reno	92	7	16	Meningitis
Mch.	10	Mary Andrade			19	Marasmus
April	15	Judah H. Chase	54	6	23	Uræmia
May	12	Almira C. Berry	75	7		Septicæmia
	23	Hannah B. Long	77	9	26	Cancer
	30	Sarah B. Baker	53	8		Dropsy
June	22	Elizabeth A. Kendrick	73	9	16	Marasmus
	24	Lizzie M. Casey	35	4	9	Cancer
	28	Seth Paine	52	11	21	Dengue
July	3	Emleine H. Kelley	58	8	23	Epilepsy
	5	Elisha Mayo	59	8	11	Diabetes Mellitus
	9	John W. Nickerson	66	9	13	Paralysis
Aug.	2	Samuel M. Atwood	68	9	23	Embolic Apoplexy
	21	Joshua Maker	72			Endocarditis

DATE	NAME OF DECEASED	AGE			CAUSE OF DEATH
		Y.	M.	D.	
Sept. 10	Harry Burt Chase	13	9	20	Tuberculosis
18	Reliance Jane Wixon	69	7	21	Paralysis [losis
19	Clarington R. Kelley	35		29	Pulmonary Tubercu-
26	Josiah Newcomb	82		2	Typhoid Fever
Oct. 3	Benjamin F. Gorham	65		11	Cerebral Hemorrhage
8	John K. Nickerson	71	10	8	Hypostetic Pneumonia
19	Isaac L. Kendrick	72			Cerebral Hemorrhage
Nov. 1	Freeman W. Cahoon	64		7	Valvular Disease of
4	Julia F. Bassett	65	3		Tuberculosis [Heart
9	Susan M. Eldredge	69	6	18	Cancer of the Breast
21	Pamelia Small	83	1		Cerebral Hemorrhage
22	Ezra Howes Taylor	69	11	27	Organic Heart Disease
Dec. 4	Infant, Ernest L. Nick-			1h	Congenital Debility
8	Josiah G. Young [erson	75			Cancer of Face [losis
24	John W. Handren	37	7	24	Pulmonary Tubercu-

DOG LICENSE ACCOUNT.

110 Male Dogs, at $2 00,	$220 00
10 Female Dogs at $5 00,	50 00
	270 00
Clerk's fees,	24 00
Paid County Treasurer,	246 00
Retained by County to pay damages,	42 74
Amount returned to Town, Jan. 8, 1904,	$203 26

Respectfully submitted,

N. C. UNDERWOOD,

Town Clerk.

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF HARWICH,

MASS.,

For the Year Ending Dec. 31,

1903.

NEW BEDFORD, MASS.:
E. ANTHONY & SONS, Incorp., PRINTERS.
1904.

Report of the School Committee.

The School Committee organized Feb. 27, 1903, by the choice of D. M. Nickerson, Jr., chairman, and Thomas H. Nickerson, secretary and treasurer.

The schools of the town have been in session as follows: Primaries, thirty-seven; grammar and mixed, thirty-five; High school, forty-one weeks respectively.

SCHOOL CENSUS.

Number of boys between the ages of five and fifteen,	224
" " girls " " " "	165
Total,	389
Number of boys between the ages of seven and fourteen,	164
Number of girls between the ages of seven and fourteen,	101
Total,	265

TEACHERS' SALARIES, 1903.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Herman N. Knox,	$560 00
Leon A. Martin,	243 75
Ella L. Chamberlain,	315 00
J. Louise Long,	146 25

HARWICH CENTRE.

Mabel B. Aiken,	240 00
Elizabeth H. Forrest,	340 00
Minerva A. Bearse,	210 00
Annie L. Roche,	20 00
Rachel U. Cornwell,	110 00
Annie B. Kimball,	110 00

HARWICHPORT.

Mercy E. Kelley,	$ 10 00
Mary E. Stevens,	342 00
Abbie S. Baker,	306 25
Annie Slavin,	17 50

WEST HARWICH.

Ella W. Page,	240 00
Viola E. Haven,	110 00
Helen R. Ellis,	323 75

NORTH HARWICH.

Maude L. Plummer,	350 00

EAST HARWICH.

Carrie E. Crowell.	350 00
Beulah M. Eldridge,	323 75

SOUTH HARWICH.

Alice L. Duston,	350 00

PLEASANT LAKE.

Annie L. Roche,	270 00
Sara J. Collagan,	70 00
	$5,358 25

JANITORS.

Roy K. Hamer,	$36 00
Edgar F. Bassett, Jr.,	66 00
Spencer P. Ellis,	50 75
Benjamin D. Smith,	78 01
William H. Ellis,	58 50
Edwin F. Ryder,	8 00
Mrs. Elsie Ryder,	50 50
Harry W. Nickerson,	76 13
Charles E. Hutchins,	58 50
Joseph Ashley,	76 13
	$558 52

FUEL.

EAST HARWICH.		
Kendrick & Bearse, coal,	$44 58	
Jabez Crowell, wood, etc.,	17 12	
		$61 70
SOUTH HARWICH.		
Rufus H. Small, wood,		6 75
HARWICHPORT.		
Watson B. Kelley, coal and wood,	$65 75	
Rufus H. Small, wood,	2 25	
Augustus C. Snow, coal,	17 60	
		85 60
CENTRE.		
Nathan B. Walker, wood,	$4 00	
Edwin L. Eldridge, wood,	7 00	
F. D. Underwood, wood,	4 00	
W. B Kelley, coal,	94 00	
Kendrick & Bearse, coal,	21 50	
W. C. Ellis, wood,	6 00	
		$136 50
WEST HARWICH.		
Edwin B. Rogers, coal,	$70 00	
Charles H. Taylor, wood,	5 50	
		75 50
NORTH HARWICH.		
E. B. Rogers, coal,	$34 00	
Emulous Hall, wood,	3 00	
Austin E. Baker, wood,	3 50	
George Taylor, sawing wood, etc.	2 00	
		42 50
PLEASANT LAKE.		
Edwin B. Rogers, coal,	$10 80	
W. C. Ellis, wood,	6 00	
Kendrick & Bearse, coal,	13 00	
		29 80
Total,		$438 35

REPAIRS AND INCIDENTALS.

EAST HARWICH.

Walter Emery, repairs on pump,	$ 3 50	
Young Brothers, chairs,	2 76	
W. A. Eldredge, repairs,	5 75	
Harry W. Nickerson, labor and supplies,	14 40	
		$26 41

SOUTH HARWICH.

J. B. Cahoon, supplies,	$ 2 10	
E. L. Eldredge, supplies,	80	
F. S. Robbins, labor,	3 15	
W. A. Eldredge, labor and supplies,	5 00	
C. E. Hutchins, labor and supplies,	16 69	
		27 74

HARWICHPORT.

B. C. Kelley, supplies,	$ 1 38	
J. N. Tuttle, repairing organ,	50	
Watson B. Kelley, supplies,	1 41	
George D. Smalley, labor and supplies,	15 48	
William N. Eldredge, labor and materials,	5 24	
S. K. Sears, supplies,	1 18	
Benjamin D. Smith, labor and supplies,	12 25	
		37 44

HARWICH CENTRE.

Roy K. Hamer, repairs and supplies,	$ 2 45	
Alpheus Howes, " "	26 58	
J. B. Cahoon, supplies,	15 65	
Thatcher Ellis, labor,	3 30	
Edgar F. Bassett, Jr., repairs and supplies,	1 97	
Sherman F. Bassett, " "	26 50	
Walter Emery, pump, " "	15 50	
Louis A. Harding, supplies,	1 25	
J. F. Tobey, supplies,	5 96	
J. M. Moody, supplies,	9 01	
Spencer P. Ellis, labor and supplies,	24 95	
		133 00

PLEASANT LAKE.

W. H. Ellis, repairs, cleaning and supplies,	$7 30	
Alpheus Howes, supplies,	2 45	
S. K. Crowell, painting and supplies,	2 25	
A. H. Bassett, supplies,	45	
		$12 45

WEST HARWICH.

Susan K. Howland, cleaning,	$11 60	
O. E. Kelley, supplies,	1 40	
H. T. Cobb, labor,	50	
Geo. F. Ellis, labor on pump,	1 25	
Jos. Ashley, supplies,	50	
Chas. Fenn, tuning organ,	2 75	
J. W. Cummings, repairs,	1 25	
		19 25

NORTH HARWICH.

J. B. Cahoon, supplies,	$ 75	
W. E. Nickerson, supplies,	50	
S. K. Crowell, repairs,	1 25	
Joseph Peters, whitewashing,	2 50	
E. B. Rogers, supplies,	60	
Elsie D. Ryder, cleaning,	6 00	
Shadrack Kelley, repairs,	3 60	
		15 20
Total,		$271 61

TRANSPORTATION.

F. E. Ellis,	$177 00	
Ephraim Bassett,	25 00	
		$202 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

B. B. Eldredge, printing,	$ 7 00	
A. P. Goss, printing,	16 00	
George N. Munsell, rent of office,	2 50	
Louis Edmonds, rent of office,	7 50	
D. M. Nickerson, Jr., traveling expenses,	19 62	
F. D. Underwood, " "	95	
E. F. Bassett, Jr., moving supplies,	40	
Exchange Club, chairs for office,	2 50	
S. K. Crowell, paint for office,	60	
J. B. Cahoon, supplies for office,	8 55	
Alpheus Howes, " "	3 00	
Walter I. Paine, labor on office,	50	
David L. Small, rent of playground,	7 50	
		$76 62

SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY.

Superintendent's salary for the year,	$777 21
To be refunded by the State,	638 87
Actual cost of Superintendent,	$138 34
Appropriation,	135 00

SUPPLY AGENT'S ACCOUNT. 1903.

Stock on hand Jan. 1, 1903,	$183 78	
Supplies purchased, 1903,	441 25	
		$625 03
Supplies furnished schools, 1903,	485 11	
Stock on hand Jan. 1, 1904,	139 92	
		625 03

SUPPLY AGENT'S FINANCIAL REPORT.

AVAILABLE FUNDS.

Appropriation,	$350 00	
From city of Boston,	52 00	
From State Board of Charity,	44 00	
		$446 00
Overdrawn,		7 29
		$453 29

AMOUNT EXPENDED.

Books and supplies,	$441 25	
Express, freight, cartage, delivering,	12 04	
		$453 29

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES ITEMIZED.

	Supplies.	*Books.*	*Totals.*	*No. Pupils.*	*Per Pupil Approximate.*
High School,	$23 84	$67 56	$91 40	53	$1 72
Centre Grammar,	20 96	65 75	86 71	50	1 73
Port "	10 00	17 03	27 03	23	1 18
West "	10 76	37 64	48 40	22	2 20
East "	8 82	12 67	21 49	11	1 95
Centre Intermediate,	21 73	36 15	57 88	42	1 38
Centre Primary,	9 86	12 15	22 01	40	55
Port "	7 09	9 04	16 13	27	59
West "	9 56	8 51	18 07	34	53
East "	7 06	10 30	17 36	23	75
North Mixed,	10 41	19 63	30 04	28	1 07
Pleasant Lake,	10 76	9 79	20 55	43	48
South Mixed,	6 18	21 86	28 04	19	1 47
	$157 03	$328 08	$485 11	415	$1 18

RECAPITULATION.

AVAILABLE FUNDS.

Town appropriation for schools,		$5,600 00
Town appropriation for books and supplies,	$350 00	
From other sources, school supplies, (see report of Supply Agent),	96 00	
		446 00

Town appropriation for Superintendent,	$135 00	
To be refunded by State for "	638 87	
		$773 87
Town appropriation for repairs and incidentals,		200 00
Dog fund,		196 60
State school fund,		426 34
Town appropriation for transportation,		250 00
Total,		$7,892 81

EXPENDITURES.

Teachers,	$5,358 25	
Janitors,	558 52	
Fuel,	438 35	
Books and supplies,	453 29	
Superintendent,	777 21	
Repairs and incidentals,	271 61	
Transportation,	202 00	
Miscellaneous,	76 62	
		$8,135 85
Exceeded appropriations,		$243 04

The School Committee recommends the following appropriations for school purposes for 1904:—

Schools,	$5,700 00
School books and supplies,	350 00
Superintendent of schools,	135 00
Repairs and incidentals,	250 00
Transportation of pupils,	250 00

It was thought better to begin the schools somewhat earlier last fall than had been the custom. The immediate effect was to bring more than one school year into the

financial year of 1903, thereby adding to the expense of 1903 about $250.00, that under the old time arrangement would have been incurred and paid in 1904.

Your Committee are convinced that the schools in town are now in an efficient working condition; and have reached as high a standard as they are likely to reach under existing conditions. Experience shows that our scattered schools cannot be maintained successfully at a less expense than they are now costing. Teachers' salaries constitute the large part of the outlay upon schools. To pay our teachers less than we are now paying means that we are to have inferior instructors, and money so expended would be in a large measure thrown away.

Trained teachers are essential to good schools; and in our attempt to secure such we have to compete with towns in our commonwealth which can, and do pay more than we can, and as a consequence we are unable to hold a valuable teacher but a short time. But it is manifestly better to have the influence and personality of a strong teacher even for a short time than not at all.

Parents are urged to co-operate with the school officers in securing prompt and regular attendance on the part of their children. For a parent to be a party to an unnecessary absence on the part of his child is to commit a wrong that cannot be righted. The child is wronged, because if the act is repeated, he gets into the confirmed habit of being tardy and unsteady in all his life work. The school is wronged because it is kept back by those who get behind on account of being absent. And the town is wronged because it is paying its money for the education of children who are at home or on the streets.

We beg to again remind parents of the urgent necessity of frequent visits to the schoolroom.

Good results have been gained by beginning the Fall term of our primary schools two weeks earlier than usual. Thus we have been able to give them a winter vacation of four weeks instead of two. During the unusually severe weather of the present winter the experiment has proved to be a success, and the attendance has been much improved, which was the object to be accomplished.

Sometimes criticism of methods, teachers and school officials is heard from those who are rarely, if ever, seen in the schools. Occasional visits would enable these people to see things in a true light and would be of great benefit to the whole school system.

DARIUS M. NICKERSON, Jr.,
THOMAS H. NICKERSON,
FRANKLIN D. UNDERWOOD,

School Committee.

Superintendent's Report.

To the School Committee of Harwich:

GENTLEMEN: — This is my third report of your schools. We are doing the work this year with seven teachers who were with us last year, and seven who began their work with us this school year. Of the seven who have taught longer than a year in Harwich, three live in Harwich and one in the adjoining town of Dennis; the other two teach in the mixed schools of North and South Harwich. No teacher now at Harwich Centre taught here last year; the other changes took place at Pleasant Lake, Harwichport Grammar and West Harwich Grammar schools. Of the seven teachers who left their positions at the close of the last school year, two, Misses Minerva Bearse and Mabel Aiken, were married; the others accepted better positions in other places. It seems impossible to retain teachers of experience and training unless their homes are here. A step in the right direction has been taken by the decision of the committee to write no testimonials during the year to help teachers obtain positions elsewhere. At the close of the year it is only fair to the teachers to give them a written statement of the view the committee take of them and their work; and if they are worthy, invite them strongly to remain. Teaching will never be a true profession until the wages of teachers everywhere are practically the same and teachers can settle down in one place for their life work and retire with a little bank account before their usefulness is

exhausted. In no other profession are such homeless lives led. But there seems to be no remedy for this condition until the daughters of the town, in sufficient numbers, give themselves the training offered by the Normal schools, and devote their lives to their own home schools with the same earnestness of purpose and the same determination that they would give to their work elsewhere. And when they shall have supplemented their training with experience, they must be able to get as much for their services here as they can command anywhere else.

I consider the present corps of teachers exceedingly efficient. Our most restless schools of the past year are settling into their work with unexpected earnestness. It is not size, or muscle, or stern looks, or the ferrule that keep children earnestly at work in the schoolroom; it is that serenity and self-control and self-assurance of the teacher, that unhesitating and masterful assumption of every schoolroom duty — her personality — this is the real secret of a school's success.

As supply agent I have tried to keep within the appropriation for that purpose. I have overrun it by less than ten dollars. And this notwithstanding the number of books purchased. In the grammar grades Frye's Grammar School Geography has been gradually replacing the Frye's Complete, and in several intermediate grades the Frye's Elements have been put in to replace the Frye's Primary. These changes have been made only as fast as the old books have become too dirty and dilapidated for longer successful use. The schools have been furnished with new Spellers throughout, and spelling is being taught with more system and regularity. Dryer's Physical Geography has been placed in the High school. Several hundred old readers that were discarded before I came here have been exchanged

for Carpenter's North America, South America, Europe and Asia, which are used as supplementary readers in the seventh and eighth grades. Supplementary reading books have also been put into grades two, three, four and five. Besides these changes and additions, many worn out old books, principally arithmetics and language books, have had to be replaced by new books of the same kind.

As quickly as possible the double desks in all the schoolhouses ought to be replaced by single desks. Especially should this be done in schools where the number of pupils approach fifty. In a few years the town would save the money so expended in the wear and tear of the children's clothes; the discipline would be much easier, and if the schools should be consolidated the seats would be modern and usable in the new rooms. Slate blackboards ought to take the place of those we now have, a few each year until all the schools are supplied with them. These also are transferable in case of a change to consolidation, which must come, sooner or later. Permit me to quote from John Dewey—The School and Society:—"What the best and wisest parent wants for his own child, that must the community want for all of its children." All over the State the best and wisest parents are demanding consolidation. It means better teachers; teachers retained longer, better schoolrooms; closer competition and therefore greater interest among the children; more reference books and more apparatus (because concentrated, a little becomes available for all); better supervision for the time given to it; in fine, it means keeping the schools up to the same spirit of progress that other business enterprises are kept up to. It costs money to be modern, but it doesn't pay to be anything less. If our boys and girls, when they leave school, expect to start even with other boys and girls, they

must have the modern spirit, (just as truly as they must have the spirit of patriotism), instilled into them, raising their hopes and stimulating their ambitions, in the modern school. When they face life they must not be like Rip Van Winkle at the door of the tavern after his twenty years' sleep. When they face it they must know it for what it is, what it demands, and what competition they must meet with in others; and they must be equipped as only the modern surroundings and the modern tone coming from those surroundings, can equip them.

One other word for the children. At the school age they have no other business than their school work. Some of the details of that business are as follows: To be punctual at their place of business *i. e.*, the schoolhouse; to be there every day when that place is open for work; to be obedient to authority and to respect it as such; to do their work in a commendable manner; to be careful of their tools, *i. e.*, the books and apparatus provided for their use; to be economical, not wasteful; to be obliging, not selfish; to have consideration for the rights of others at work in the same workshop; to have ambition to do more and be more; to be able always to respect themselves. These are essential details, not all. Parents can help the teachers and other school officials *and the children* by emphasizing these principles in the home life.

I wish to thank you, and the teachers, and the citizens generally for that support and encouragement without which all my efforts would be unavailing.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK H. HILL,

Harwich, Jan. 15, 1904. *Superintendent of Schools.*

STATISTICS—Year 1902–'03.

Name of School,	Teacher and Grades.	Enrollment	Average membership	Average attendance	Per Centage of attendance	Half Day absences	Tardy marks	Dismissals	Visits by school officials	Visits by parents	Visits by others
North Mixed	Maude L. Plummer	30	22.5	20	89	829	153	98	39	16	15
Pleasant Lake Prim.	Anna L. Roche	35	33.122	28	84.9	1,866	193	0	38	29	39
East Harwich Prim.	Beulah M. Eldridge	25	23.56	22	96.4	581	91	0	38	24	29
" " Gram.	Carrie E. Crowell	19	17.04	15.68	90.33	402	20	6	43	5	37
South Harwich Mixed	Alice L. Duston	23	18	17.74	93.91	380	9	15	29	61	34
Port Primary	Abbie S. Baker	25	22.97	20.48	89.12	869	32	7	49	21	44
" Grammar	Mary Baker Mary E. Stevens	23	21.75	20.88	95.86	468	125	86	49	37	12
West Primary	Helen R. Ellis	32	29.60	27.44	93.06	408	45	17	40	39	24
" Grammar	Ella W. Page										
Centre Primary	Minerva A. Bearse	39	33.40	28.36	89.73	2,035	282	1	29	14	54
" Intermediate	Florence Hathaway Elizabeth M. Forrest					1,818	169	68	36	6	30
" Grammar	Mabel Aiken	48	46.2	38.3	89.4	1,450	316	32	21	10	25
High	Herman N. Knox, Prin. Ella W. Chamberlin, Ass't	53	43.18	39.53	91.5	*No*	*retu*	*rns*			

SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1903–04.

Term	High School	No. Weeks	Centre Primary Port " West " East "	No. Weeks	All Others	No. Weeks
Fall, 1903	Sept. 21–Dec. 18	13	Sept. 21–Dec. 18	13	Oct. 5–Dec. 18	11
Winter, 1903–04	Dec. 28–March 25	13	Jan. 18–March 25	10	Jan. 4–March 25	12
Spring, 1904	April 4–July 8	14	April 4–June 17	11	April 4–June 17	11
	Total,	40		34		34

HIGH SCHOOL REPORT.

Supt. F. H. Hill.

My Dear Sir: — Any report of work done in the High School during the present year will necessarily be very brief. The instructors feel that they are in the service not only of the town but of the state, and efforts are being put forth to direct the men and women of tomorrow along lines of true self-government. Only a hope that the effort will not be fruitless may be expressed at this time. Judgment of the work that is being done can be very much more accurately determined in the homes from which the members of the school come. A successful accomplishment of High School tasks depends entirely upon the interest of the pupils. This interest should display itself in careful preparation of work. Such preparation demands some of the pupil's time outside of school hours. And it is this work which is the index of individual acquirement in mind capacity. Intellectuality is the product of careful mental application; and not an outgrowth of any mere attendance upon the sessions of a certain educational institution.

We desire very much, then, the hearty co-operation of parents, especially to the end that more careful attendance of pupils may be secured, and that they may appreciate more fully the value of personal application.

It is hardly necessary to say that our work is open at all times for inspection. We shall count it a pleasure to discuss any matter with parents or guardians, and to consider any suggestions.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. MARTIN, *Principal.*

Harwich, Jan. 15, 1904.

DEPARTMENT OF DRAWING.

To Superintendent Frank H. Hill:

Dear Sir:—Since beginning my work in your schools, I have been very much encouraged by the spirit of enthusiasm with which the pupils have taken hold of the work in drawing, and also by the kind co-operation of the grade teachers.

The aim of teaching drawing is to develop the mind of the child through the eye as well as through the hand. He is taught to appreciate all the beautiful and true there is in life, and is led to a keener perception of details.

Through Pictorial Art the child gains a knowledge of the principles of Perspective and the ability to see things correctly, and recording what he sees. By means of sketching he comes very near to nature, which is one of our greatest teachers, and becomes acquainted with her coloring and laws of growth.

In Structural drawing we have a science of facts. This trains the child in accuracy and he must become acquainted with the workshop and the limitations of different materials in order to make practical structural designs. Thus while studying drawing, his mind is broadening in several directions.

Hand in hand with Pictorial and Structural Art, comes the field of Decoration. The child of today is the man of tomorrow, and it is only through the cultivation of the chidren's minds today that we can hope for better designs in the markets tomorrow.

The supervisor gives a lesson in each school once in two weeks, and the teachers are provided with outlines so they are able to carry out the work as planned. One hour, once in two weeks, is devoted to drawing in the High School.

Respectfully submitted,

Harwich, Jan. 15, 1904. J. LOUISE LONG.

Annual Town Meeting Warrant,

For 1904.

BARNSTABLE, SS.

To Elisha H. Bearse, Constable of the Town of Harwich, in said County, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Harwich, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at Enchange Hall, Harwich, in said County, on Monday, February 1st, 1904, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To determine the rate per cent. to be paid the Tax Collectors for the ensuing year, and act fully thereon.

Art. 3. To choose on one ballot the following Town Officers and Committees for the term of one year: Town Clerk, Treasurer, three Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor, and Board of Health, three Herring Committee, two Auditors, one Tree Warden, three Constables, two Tax Collectors, and one School Committee. Also one School Committee and one Road Commissioner for the term of three years. Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors? Vote Yes or No.

Art. 4. To choose all other necessary Town Officers, and act fully thereon.

Art. 5. To hear the report of all Town Officers and Committees for the year of 1903 and act fully thereon.

Art. 6. To see if the Town will vote to accept the list of Jurors, as prepared by the Selectmen.

Art. 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Dollars for the suppression of crime.

Art. 8. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town expenses for the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same. The amount not to exceed the sum of Five Thousand Dollars.

Art. 9. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes, and act fully thereon.

Art. 10. To hear the report of the Committee, which was appointed at a Special Town Meeting, held in Harwich on Tuesday, Nov. 3, 1903, for the purpose of drafting a set of resolutions and accept on the part of the Town of Harwich the deed of gift of the Exchange property from Col. Caleb Chase of Brookline. Also to fully accept and adopt on the part of said Town a certain lot of Exchange property as set forth and described in a deed dated November 12th, 1903, said deed being formally presented to the Town of Harwich on Friday, Dec. 25, 1903, and now stands recorded at Barnstable on Book 265, page 324.

Art. 11. To see what action the Town will take in relation to repairing the Exchange Building, and the care and renting of the same, and make an appropriation therefor.

Art. 12. To see if the Town will vote to build a suitable Vault in connection with the Exchange Building for the purpose of preserving the Records, Books and Papers belonging to the Town; appropriate money therefor and authorize the Selectmen, School Committee and Town Clerk, to move their offices into the Town Building and act fully on this article.

Art. 13. To see if the town will vote to assume control of the Pump, near Exchange Building, make necessary repairs, appropriate money for the same and act fully thereon.

Art. 14. To see if the town will vote to purchase a Watering Cart, hire the necessary horses and man or men to operate the same, on the macadam roads; appropriate money sufficient to meet the expense incurred by this article and act fully thereon.

Art. 15. To see if the Town will vote to close the Almshouse and provide maintenance for its inmates.

Art. 16. To see what action the Town will take in relation to the leasing or disposing of the Herring Fishery in said Town for a term of years, and act fully thereon.

Art. 17. To see if the Town will vote to allow a discount of five per cent. on all taxes paid to the Collectors on or before Nov. 1st, 1904, and to charge five per cent. on all taxes unpaid after January 1, 1905.

Art. 18. To see if the Town will vote to macadamize the road leading from Moody's Hill, at Harwich Centre, to Harwichport, opposite the residence of Chas. Jenkins, and make an appropriation for the same, and determine in what manner the money needed for such repairs shall be raised, and the payment thereof shall be met.

Art. 19. To see if the Town will vote to macadamize about 800 feet of the road in North Harwich, leading from the Dennis line to the North Harwich Depot, and make an appropriation for the same.

Art. 20. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars to build a stone fence on the north side of the North Harwich Cemetery, and act fully thereon.

Art. 21. To see if the Town will vote to macadamize one-half mile of the road leading from the County Road, near the residence of the late Nathan Underwood, to Harwichport, and to make such further improvement on said road as the public needs require, and make appropriation for the same.

Art. 22. To see if the Town will vote to work grade and macadamize that part of Station street, South Harwich, commencing at or near the railroad track at South Harwich Depot, thence southerly to the main street, about (1-3) one-third of a mile in distance, and to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money therefor.

Art. 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to macadamize or otherwise harden the road, leading from the Baptist Church in West Harwich to the North Harwich Depot ,such repairs to be made only on the portions of said road as are within the Town limits, and to determine in what manner the money needed for such repairs shall be raised, and the payment thereof shall be made.

Art. 24. To see if the Town will vote to grade and macadamize the road extending from the present piece of macadam at the Dennis line to the four corners at North Harwich, and make an appropriation for the same purpose, and to pay for said improvement in such manner as the Town may think, and agreeable to the laws made and provided for the same.

Art. 25. To see if the Town will vote to harden with clay and loam the road in East Harwich, beginning at the Guideboard at the junction of the Queen Anne's road and going westward to the shell road, together with necessary grading, and make an appropriation for the same.

Art. 26. To see if the Town will vote to macadamize one mile of the road beginning at the corner of the Exchange Building, and extending north on the road leading to Brewster, and make an appropriation for the same.

To raise and pay for, in such manner as the Town may think proper, and in accordance with the laws made and provided for the same.

Art. 27. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to be expended in turnpiking the road leading from the four corners in North Harwich to the residence of the late Lorenzo D. Cahoon, and make an appropriation for the same.

Art. 28. To see if the Town will vote to make one condition of contract of the Herring Brook, for the succeeding period of years, to be that the purchasers thereof shall furnish to the citizens of Harwich herrings at the rate of four herrings for one cent, and one barrel for one dollar per flour barrel, and act fully thereon.

Art. 29. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of One Hundred Dollars for the observance of Old Home Week in Harwich in 1904, to act fully thereon, and choose a committee for the same.

Art. 30. To see what action the Town will take in relation to insuring the Exchange Building and purchasing fire extinguishers for the same.

Art. 31. To see if the Town will accept Section 18, Chapter 78, of the revised Laws, relating to receiving money for the perpetual care of cemeteries or private lots suitable therein, and fix the rate of interest to be allowed for the same.

Art. 32. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars for the use of the Broadbrooks Library and act fully thereon.

Art. 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to defray the uncollected balance of the cost of erecting a fence between the school premises at West Harwich and the adjoining cemetery as directed by the Town at the Annual Town Meeting, and act fully thereon.

Art. 34. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the vote passed at the Annual Town Meeting held on Feb. 6th and 7th, 1899, whereby it voted to elect Road Commissioners and abolish the same.

Art. 35. To see if the Town will vote to choose Road Surveyors, and act fully thereon.

Art. 36. And transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one in each Post Office in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

The polls will be opened at 9 o'clock, A. M., and may be closed at 2 o'clock P. M.

Hereof, fail not, and make due returns of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this sixteenth day of January, 1904.

Signed,

AMBROSE N. DOANE,
JOSEPH K. ROBBINS,
JOHN H. DRUM,

Selectmen of Harwich.

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